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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending steady in the West, steady to firm in the Northeast and Midwest. Offerings of all sizes are light to moderate and clearing well. Demand following the holiday weekend is seasonally light to moderate. Floor stocks are balanced to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate. Prices for wings are firm, tenders are steady to firm. Other items are at least steady. Supplies of wings are light and clearing well; all other parts are light to moderate. Market activity is 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 26-Dec-2011

	Grade A		Loads	Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg		Wtd Avg	Loads
Delivered to First Receivers 1/:					
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	79.65	13
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	80.81	10
Denver	TFEWR		:	81.19	21
Detroit	TFEWR		:	77.23	22
Los Angeles	99.00	97.64	22:	84.92	97
New York	76.00-79.00	77.91	22:	78.83	40
Philadelphia	75.50-77.00	76.27	11:	76.75	22
Pittsburgh	75.00-78.00	77.18	11:	82.15	52
St. Louis	TFEWR		:	74.49	15
San Francisco	99.50	95.63	8:	94.97	35

	Whole Body 2/:		Loads	Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg		Wtd Avg	Loads
Chicago	72.00-76.00		:	74.57	46

Composite Weighted Average 3/:				
Loads	12/26/11	Change Last Wk	12/19/11	12/27/10
373	80.85	.84	80.01	77.07

WOG broiler 4/:	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Eastern	79.00-81.00	80.65	28
Central	70.00-79.00	75.46	75
Western	79.00-87.00	83.08	44

FOB Dock Equivalent 5/:			
Mississippi	82.00-86.00	83.58	19

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

LOADS	RANGE	**TUESDAY** FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
773	74.00-99.01	89.12

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	193.50	1,335
BREASTS - B/S	148.00	5,843
BREASTS - WHOLE	84.00	1,139
THIGH MEAT - B/S	119.50	913
THIGHS	71.50	888
DRUMSTICKS	71.50	920
LEG QUARTERS	53.00	7,806
WINGS	154.00	2,811

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 following the Christmas holiday weekend. Offerings of all sizes are light to moderate for current needs. Trade activity is moderate. In the parts complex, supplies of wings are light with good movement; tenders are light to moderate and dark meat cuts are generally 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 Christmas holiday weekend entering the holiday weekend. Market activity is moderate. In the parts structure, movement is moderate for early week trading. Prices for wings and tenders 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 and tenders are light and held with confidence. All other parts are mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate to at times active. In production areas, live supplies are moderate. Weights are mixed, but mostly desirable.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majorities are unchanged from last Monday. The market is steady to firm. Offers light. Retail and foodservice demand light to good, mostly light to moderate. Floor stocks light to moderate. Sizes moderate. Parts supplies light to moderate with wings and tenderloins tightest. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average is 81.72 cents, up 2.42 cents on 32 loads. Trading: boneless skinless breasts 121-130, tenders 153-164, bone-in breasts 83-108, legs 73-83, leg meat 110-120, leg quarters bulk 52-61, 4-10 leg quarters 53-65, drums 58-70, thighs 62-81, thigh meat 124-129, wings 152-173 cents delivered.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS - Final majority prices were 2 cents 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 following the holiday; 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 the balance light to moderate. Prices trended firm on wings, steady to firm on tenders and dark meat items, and steady on the balance of parts. Market activity for parts was light with most interest on wings.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Less-than-trucklot asking prices are unchanged at 79 to 85 cents with a steady trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is light to moderate as dealers assessed holiday market conditions. Offerings are light to moderate with the smaller sizes in the tightest position. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processing schedules are moderate. Market activity is moderate. In the parts complex, supplies ranged light to moderate with wings in the best position.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	70-95
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Prices are trending firm to higher for wings; firm for tenders and at least steady for the balance of items. Trucklot buying activity is light to moderate as dealers assess market conditions following the holiday weekend. Offerings of wings are light with premiums noted; tenders are light to moderate and other items are sufficient for current needs. Movement is moderate.

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

ITEM	NEGOTIATED TRADING*	CURRENT	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S		140-145	125.95	475,880
TENDERLOINS		155	153.72	104,160
BREAST - WITH RIBS		79-80	92.56	62,957
BREAST - LINE RUN		79	82.00	65,259
LEGS		70-71	70.12	182,480
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		48-49	53.33	273,720
DRUMSTICKS		56-57	74.91	64,240
THIGHS		70-71	80.42	57,080
B/S THIGHS		124-125	122.00	49,200
WINGS (WHOLE)		156-157	163.90	204,920
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)		16-18	18.00	11,320
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		50-55	53.26	7,980
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		70-75	75.06	13,280

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 pm.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER/FRYERS (In Thousands)

	Estimate	Actual	Avg Wts	Actual	Avg Wts
	12/26	12/22	12/22	12/19	12/15
Alabama	(A)	3,675	5.50	3,483	5.40
Arkansas	(A)	4,254	5.37	4,738	5.55
Delmarva	Holiday	2,091	6.13	2,114	6.09
KY-LA-TN	(A)	2,272	5.10	2,453	5.26
Mississippi	(A)	2,386	5.50	2,870	5.83
North Carolina	(A)	2,589	7.10	2,232	7.02
Texas	(A)	2,446	5.72	2,428	5.79
Total		2,601	19,713	5.73	20,318
Mon		2,601 (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 26-Dec 2011 is estimated to be 3,891,000 down from a week ago and down from a year ago.

(last week 31,345,000 last year 23,586,000)

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	MAJORITY	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)	391	45.00-50.00	-	48.49
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	577	49.00-52.00	-	51.37
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 Dec. 27, 2011 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
53.50 - 57.00	55.63

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, and WI

Week of 26-Dec-2011 TO 30-Dec-2011, Cents per Pound

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	117.00 - 138.00	119.00 - 124.00
TENDERLOINS	147.00 - 168.00	150.00 - 156.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	77.00 - 100.00	79.00 - 84.00
LEGS	65.00 - 73.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47.00 - 59.00	49.00 - 52.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	50.00 - 62.00	52.00 - 56.00
DRUMSTICKS	53.00 - 69.00	-
THIGHS	61.00 - 78.00	-
B/S THIGHS	119.00 - 131.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	148.00 - 165.00	154.00 - 159.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	17.00 - 40.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 49.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 59.00	-

CALIFORNIA PROCESSED POULTRY

SOUTHERN (L.A. AREA)

Delivered to Restaurants and Institutions

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	102-120
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	106-121
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	

Delivered to Retailers

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	109-122
ROASTERS 4# & UP	129-139
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	
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

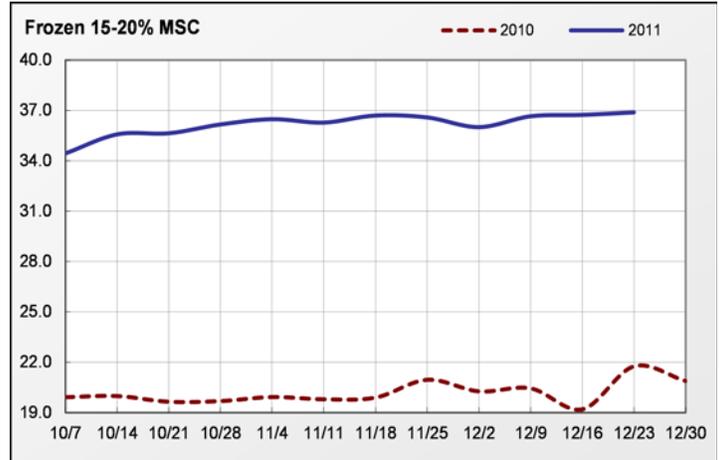
National Mechanically Separated Chicken

(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.)

Prices for all MSC fat contents trended steady to firm going into the Christmas holiday. Supplies were light to moderate. Schedules were normal to reduced for the season. Domestic demand was moderate. Export demand was moderate to good with especially good movement into Mexico; interest on frozen 15-20% continues strong. The spot marketplace was a typical mix of activity and pricing going into the holiday season as everyone positions their companies for the variable production schedules. Buyers continue to build inventories and take advantage of cheaper contract pricing before prices jump up in 2012. Preparations have also begun for the start of a new contract season. MSC contracts for 2012 finalized on both a formula basis and at higher levels than preceding years. Frame contracts also closed at much higher levels for 2012. Market activity was moderate to active. Supplies of raw materials were light. Spot frame trading for this week was between 16-19 cents FOB.

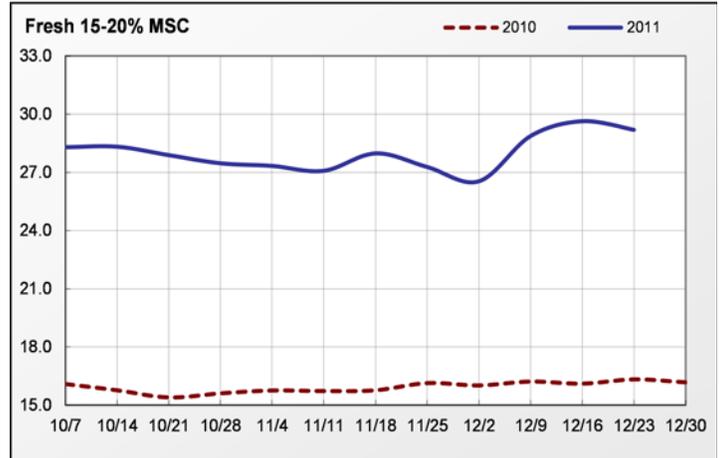
Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	23-Dec-11	Last Week	Last Year	23-Dec-11	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less			-	32.00	32.00	18.00-19.00
Price Range			-	32.00	32.00	18.50
Wtd Avg Price			-	102	61	82
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%	34.50 - 39.00	34.00 - 40.00	16.00-26.00	26.00 - 33.00	26.00 - 33.50	13.00-20.50
Price Range	36.88	36.73	21.75	29.19	29.64	16.33
Wtd Avg Price	977	1,640	986	3,631	4,264	2,999
Volume Traded	977	1,280	906	979	1,469	449
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
20% or More	-	-	-	22.50	22.50	18.00-20.00
Price Range	-	-	-	22.50	22.50	19.33
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	82	82	122
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	469	592	530
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%	36.48	35.47	20.04	27.39	28.01	15.85
Wtd Avg Price	6,588	8,651	5,595	13,433	14,870	12,556
Volume Traded	5,465	7,811	4,755	2,285	3,182	2,856
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
20% or More	-	-	-	22.55	-	19.38
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	408	-	530
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
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 steady at best when compared to the previous week. Supplies are moderate to heavy for the seasonally light to moderate demand. Processing schedules are mostly normal. Retail feature activity is moderate to mostly 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 13.14

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

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