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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. Retail demand is light to good, mostly moderate to good. Food service demand is light to good, mostly light to moderate. Floor stocks cover the full range, mostly moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for mid-week business. Prices for wings are trending firm to higher, tenders are firm with good movement. 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.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading is unchanged at 90.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 85.00 cents last year on Dec. 29, 2010.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading:

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	188.50
BREASTS - B/S	148.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	82.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	123.00
THIGHS	71.50
DRUMSTICKS	64.50
LEG QUARTERS	53.50
WINGS	159.00

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

NORTHEAST REGION Prices are trending at least steady for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity for ready-to-cook whole broiler fryers is light to moderate with some dealers having problems securing trucks for shipping. Offerings of all sizes are light to moderate for current needs. Trade activity is moderate. In the parts complex, offerings of wings are light and clearing well with premiums noted. Other items are seasonally light to moderate.

MIDWEST REGION Whole bird prices were trending steady. Additional offerings were light. Demand into retail and food service channels was light to moderate with fast food demand normal to good. Floor stocks were balanced to long. Weights were mixed. Whole bird market activity was light to moderate. Supplies of breast cuts and dark meat items were light to moderate with wings tight. Prices trended steady on breast cuts and dark meat items, steady to firm on tenders, and firm to higher on wings. Parts market activity was light to moderate with wings most sought after.

SOUTHERN REGION Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending steady. Supplies are moderate with trading usually limited to regular commitments. Demand is mostly moderate for mid-week business. Market activity is moderate. In the parts structure, movement is moderate for current trade needs. Prices are higher for wings, firm to higher for tenders and steady to firm for dark meat items. All other parts are steady. Supplies of wings are light, tenders are in good supply and moving well, breast items and dark meat items are moderate. Market activity is moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION The Wednesday Los Angeles delivered quote is 99 cents, unchanged from last week. The market on whole fryers and WOGs is steady. Offerings light. Retail demand light to good, mostly moderate to good with some areas still finding weekend fill-in business while others look towards next week's first of the month business. Foodservice demand light to good, mostly light to moderate. Floor stocks mixed ranging light to moderately heavy, mostly moderate. Weights desirable. The market on wings and tenderloins is steady with a firm undertone, bone-in breasts steady with spot weakness reported, balance of items mostly steady. Demand light to good, mostly light to moderate with best interest into retail on ad items and on wings and tenderloins due to seasonal influences. Offerings of wings and tenderloins very light to light with some finding wings available only on an allocated basis. Offerings on the balance of items light to moderate with boneless-skinless breasts the most available. Movement light to good, mostly light to moderate.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET DOWN 5 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 194 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 24, 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 163 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 24, 2011. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2011 through December 24, 2011 were 8.42 billion, down 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED 19 SELECTED STATES TOTAL

Week Ending 12/24/11	PERCENT CHANGE		
	2011	2010	PREVIOUS YEAR
	<i>(Thousand)</i>		
EGGS SET	194,462	205,240	-05
CHICKS PLACED	162,941	168,134	-03
Selected States: AL, AR, DE, FL, GA, KY, LA, MD, MS, NC, OK, PA, SC, TX, VA, CA, MO, TN, & WV			
Source: NASS, USDA			

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 04-Feb-12 is estimated at 149.9 million head. This compares to 150.1 million head the previous week and to 159.7 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 164.2 million head and the composite weighted average price was 74.26 cents per pound.

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)	351	47.00-50.00	-	48.80
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	617	49.00-52.00	-	51.25
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 F.O.B Dock

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
54.00 – 56.50	55.40	55.44

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; firm for tenders and at least steady for the balance of items. Trucklot buying activity is light to moderate with some dealers having some difficulty in obtaining trucks for shipping. Offerings of wings are light and clearing well; all 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.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	140-145	127.18	865,160
TENDERLOINS	155-160	156.34	177,240
BREAST - WITH RIBS	79-80	85.68	68,764
BREAST - LINE RUN	79	75.61	118,810
LEGS	70-71	69.79	177,240
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	48-49	52.36	305,040
DRUMSTICKS	56-57	68.06	79,000
THIGHS	70-71	72.68	53,160
B/S THIGHS	124-125	126.53	120,080
WINGS (WHOLE)	158-159	158.14	256,080
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	9,584
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	52.00	18,060
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	73.95	28,760

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 (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL		AVG WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	
Alabama	3,482	3,800	(A)	2,434	(A)	5.29	3,477	5.53	
Arkansas	4,647	4,814	(A)	2,005	(A)	4.89	3,941	5.59	
Delmarva	2,096	2,109	Holiday	1,966	Holiday	6.12	1,671	6.26	
KY-LA-TN	2,380	2,096	(A)	1,912	(A)	4.91	2,191	5.32	
Mississippi	2,548	2,661	(A)	1,479	(A)	5.76	2,339	6.15	
North Carolina	2,582	2,571	(A)	1,953	(A)	7.15	2,422	7.35	
Texas	2,057	2,400	(A)	1,886	(A)	5.61	1,830	5.89	
Total	19,792	20,451	3,315	13,635	5.43	5.66	17,871	5.93	
Mon-Wed	42,844	(B)					58,224	(B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 28-Dec-11 is estimated to be 29,611,000 head up 10.42 percent from a week ago and down 9.89 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 26,817,000, last year 32,862,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

Processed Poultry, Delivered to Retailer		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS		109-122
ROASTERS 4# & UP		129-139
DUCKS		
RABBITS-WHOLE		
RABBITS-CUT UP		

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

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 31-Dec-11

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	12/31/11 (1)	12/24/11	Thousand head	
Broiler/fryer	125,094 (2)	141,721		
Light hens	1,331	959		
Heavy hens	1,386	1,687		
Total	127,811	144,367		

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 31-Dec-11 is 143.6 million head compared to 133.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 125.3 million head or 18.3 million less than estimated available. For the week of 07-Jan-12 the estimated available is 146.6 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers
(Including government stocks) (In thousands)

		PROCESSED TURKEYS		PROCESSED POULTRY	
		LBS	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM	12/26/11	44,025	51,399		
AM	12/01/11	46,535	52,639		
CHG		-2,510	-1,240		
PCT CHG		-5%	-2%		

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (In Thousands)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	12/26/11	12/19/11	12/27/10	12/26/11	12/19/11	12/27/10
PACIFIC COAST	310	310	543	1,653	1,653	3,932
LOS ANGELES	219	219	134	504	504	1,436

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

All Papers Required To Sell All Out of State Poultry

	LOW HIGH AVG			FOR 12/27/11		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.35	.70	.56	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	12.50
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	10.00
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.00	5.75 2.61
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	6.00
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	1	6.00 21.00 18.00
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	7.50 14.00 10.25
RABBITS lb.	2.00	3.65	3.12	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.00	6.00 4.21
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	5.00	8.00 6.20
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	3.00	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	.50	1.00	.88	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	57					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending Dec 23, 2011

	Whole		Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers/	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts	W/Thighs	& Wings	Gizzards	
RAYON						
Low	82.14	131.43	98.57	23.00	6.57	65.71
High	84.11	147.86	111.71	29.57	9.86	65.71
Mostly	84.11	147.86	108.43	27.93	8.21	65.71
SAN JUAN						
Low	80.83	131.43	98.57	23.00	6.57	65.71
High	82.14	147.86	111.71	29.57	9.86	65.71
Mostly	82.14	144.57	108.43	26.29	6.57	65.71
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	82.14	131.43	98.57	26.29	9.86	69.00
High	84.77	151.14	111.71	32.86	13.14	69.00
Mostly	84.11	147.86	111.71	31.21	9.86	69.00
BECERRA						
Low	83.46	131.43	98.57	29.57	9.86	69.00
High	85.43	151.14	115.00	36.14	13.14	69.00
Mostly	84.11	147.86	111.71	32.86	9.86	69.00

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 79 to 85 cents with a steady trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is moderate for mid-week business. Offerings are light to moderate for current trade needs. 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 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	66-95
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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