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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending steady in the Northeast, Midwest and West. Offerings of all sizes are light to moderate with heavier sizes noted as slightly more available. Retail and food service demand ranged light to good. Floor stocks covers the full range but are mostly moderate overall. Market activity is moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate entering the holiday weekend. Prices for wings are trending firm to higher; steady to firm for tenders and boneless skinless breast 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.

Preliminary Report

Prices negotiated for truck lot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers FOB Dock and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 02-Jan-2011 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A MAJORITY	RANGE	AVG	WTD LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
New York	76.00-79.00			
Los Angeles	99.00			
Whole Body 2/ Chicago	72.00-76.00	71.00-82.00	74.69	27
FOB Dock Equivalent 3/:				
Mississippi	82.00-86.00	75.00-90.00	83.95	20

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 F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

NOTE: Georgia Dock will be closed Monday. There will not be another report until Tuesday, January 3rd due to the New Years Day holiday weekend. Final weighted average prices will be published at that time.

The 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.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG

LOADS	RANGE	WTD AVG
705	85.48 - 99.01	89.79

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

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER LB)	VOL (000 LBS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	190.50	972
BREASTS - B/S	146.00	4,254
BREASTS - WHOLE	83.00	980
THIGH MEAT - B/S	118.00	840
THIGHS	71.50	724
DRUMSTICKS	70.50	637
LEG QUARTERS	52.50	5,165
WINGS	160.00	2,150

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

MIDWEST BROILER/FRYER The preliminary majority was unchanged into Chicago and TFEWR elsewhere. Whole bird prices trended steady with additional offers light to moderate. Retail and food service demand was light to instances good going into the holiday weekend with fast food normal to good. Floor stocks were balanced to instances long. Sizes were mixed. Whole bird market activity was light. Parts supplies were light to moderate with wings in the tightest position. Prices trended firm to higher on wings, steady to firm on tenders, and steady on the balance of parts. Parts market activity was light to moderate with wings continuing to receive most buyer interest..

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER Prices are trending steady for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity for ready-to-cook whole broiler fryers is light to moderate as dealers attempted to have closely cleared floor stocks entering the holiday weekend. Offerings of three pound and heavier sizes are moderate to heavy; smaller 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; boneless skinless breast and tenders are light to moderate. Other items are sufficient for current needs.

SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER Whole broiler/fryer prices are holding steady. Offerings are moderate to satisfy trade needs. Demand entering the holiday weekend is mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate. In the parts structure, movement is moderate for late week trading. Prices for wings continue to trend firm to higher with good movement. Tenders are steady to firm, breast items and dark meat items are trending steady. Supplies of wings are light, tenders are light to moderate. All other parts are mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate. Weights are mixed, but mostly desirable.

WESTERN BROILER/FRYER The Los Angeles preliminary majority is 99 cents, unchanged from last Monday's final. The market on whole fryers and WOGs is steady. Offerings light. Retail demand light to good, mostly light to moderate. Foodservice demand light to good, mostly moderate with improved activity reported into resort areas for the up-coming holiday weekend. Floor stocks moderate. Weights desirable. The market on wings and tenderloins is firm with prices higher, balance of items mostly steady for next week's shipments. Demand on wings and tenderloins moderate to good, balance of items light to moderate. Offerings of wings short of full needs, tenderloins very light to light, balance of items light to moderate. Movement light to good, mostly moderate.

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 closing out the year. Offerings are light to moderate with the smaller sizes in the best position. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but reported as mostly desirable. Processing schedules are moderate. Market activity is moderate. In the parts complex, supplies ranged seasonally light to moderate with wings in the tightest 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	69-95
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	(A)
	12/26/11 - 12/30/11
	12/27/10 - 12/31/10
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
	12/26/11 - 12/30/11
	12/27/10 - 12/31/10
	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Dec 29					SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS					Dec 30	
ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	WEEKLY (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG	
	(000)	RANGE									
BREAST - B/S	TOO FEW TO REPORT						TOO FEW TO REPORT		1,312	120.74	
TENDERLOINS	TOO FEW TO REPORT						TOO FEW TO REPORT		680	147.09	
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT						TOO FEW TO REPORT		168	69.93	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT						TOO FEW TO REPORT		210	62.55	
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT						TOO FEW TO REPORT		TFEWR		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	411	47.00-50.00	-	48.75	474	48.00-50.00	-	49.02	1,627	48.78	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	613	49.00-52.00	-	51.16	552	49.00-52.00	-	51.13	2,359	51.23	
WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO FEW TO REPORT						TOO FEW TO REPORT		202	155.94	
WINGS (CUT)	TOO FEW TO REPORT						TOO FEW TO REPORT		175	162.43	
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT						TOO FEW TO REPORT		TFEWR		
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT						TOO FEW TO REPORT		TFEWR		
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT						TOO FEW TO REPORT		TFEWR		
Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for December 29, 2011 - F.O.B. DOCK.					Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for December 30, 2011 - F.O.B. DOCK.						
RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE			RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE		5-DAY AVERAGE		
54.50 - 56.50		55.66			55.00 - 57.00		56.01		55.67		

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 are trending firm to higher for wings; steady to instances firm for tenders and boneless skinless breast. Other items are at least steady. Trucklot buying activity is light to moderate as dealers attempted to enter the holiday weekend with closely cleared floor stocks. Offerings of wings are short of full needs; other items are light to moderate and clearing satisfactorily. Movement is moderate.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

Dec 29				Dec 30				
ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS	WEEKLY WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	140-145	127.38	677,720	140-145	127.07	417,800	126.98	2,436,560
TENDERLOINS	155-160	155.99	168,885	155-160	156.52	102,120	155.77	552,405
BREAST - WITH RIBS	79-80	87.11	90,592	79-80	93.68	62,805	89.42	285,118
BREAST - LINE RUN	79	82.15	67,152	79	75.73	110,453	78.02	361,674
LEGS	70-71	68.02	274,280	70-71	71.31	131,760	69.50	765,760
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	48-49	53.19	230,040	48-49	53.49	119,680	53.00	928,480
DRUMSTICKS	56-57	69.48	77,960	56-57	66.37	152,893	68.84	374,093
THIGHS	70-71	70.56	103,080	70-71	79.90	76,960	75.36	290,280
B/S THIGHS	124-125	129.64	82,760	124-125	124.18	82,320	126.05	334,360
WINGS (WHOLE)	160-161	162.90	241,880	161-162	169.72	191,320	163.23	894,200
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	9,876	16-18	18.00	14,480	18.00	45,260
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	52.67	10,470	50-55	50.12	11,190	51.92	47,700
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	75.07	21,560	70-75	73.79	19,920	74.38	83,520

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		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL		AVG WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	
Alabama	3,417	3,813	3,477	3,738	5.57	5.74	2,434	5.74	
Arkansas	3,760	4,724	4,741	4,798	5.70	5.76	2,005	5.83	
Delmarva	1,999	2,052	2,129	2,107	6.25	6.55	1,966	6.37	
KY-LA-TN	2,484	2,400	2,437	2,468	5.34	5.30	1,912	4.98	
Mississippi	2,670	2,904	2,525	2,786	6.47	6.08	1,479	5.54	
North Carolina	2,688	2,189	2,471	2,533	6.99	7.21	1,953	7.09	
Texas	2,654	2,422	2,441	2,399	6.04	6.05	1,886	5.38	
Total	19,672	20,504	20,221	20,829	5.99	6.03	13,635	5.85	
Mon-Fri	83,020(A)				91,485(A)				
Saturday	1,288 (included in total for date shown)				50				

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 30-Dec-11 and 31-Dec-11 is estimated to be 29,432,000 head up 43.84 percent from a week ago and up 149.44 percent from a year ago. (Last week 20,461,000, last year 11,799,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 31-Dec-11 is estimated to be 126,774,000 head down 7.17 percent from a week ago, and down 3.52 percent from a year ago. (Last week 136,566,000, last year 131,401,000)

Actual data incorporated when available.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PROCESSED POULTRY

(Los Angeles area) - delivered to retailers		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS		109-122
ROASTERS 4# & UP		129-139
DUCKS		
RABBITS-WHOLE		
RABBITS-CUT UP		
SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY		RANGE
(delivered to restaurants & institutions)		
FRESH/FRYERS	DRY PACK	113-185
	ICE PACK	
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	124
	ICE PACK	
DUCKS		217-285

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED

W/E 24-Dec-2011 Under Federal Inspection (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	30,544	65,095	25,667	15,260	136,566
Avg Live Wgt	3.55	5.43	6.86	8.47	5.62
% of total /1	22%	48%	19%	11%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	38,356	65,362	21,516	23,741	148,975
Avg Live Wgt	3.67	5.45	6.88	8.30	5.65
% of total /1	26%	44%	14%	16%	100%
Year Ago 2/	36,337	57,315	20,658	20,414	134,724
Avg Live Wgt	3.86	5.53	6.75	8.43	5.71
% of total /1	27%	43%	15%	15%	100%
To date/2011*	1,823,128	3,421,063	1,516,369	1,198,967	7,959,527
To date/2010*	1,976,544	3,877,836	1,343,478	1,005,635	8,203,493

/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 SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(PRELIMINARY) W/E 24-Dec-2011

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
Head	136,566	981	1,611	2,592	398
Avg Wt	5.62	3.27	7.61	5.97	6.86
Last week	148,975	1,491	1,574	3,065	451
Same wk yr ago	134,724	1,297	1,072	2,369	388
Avg Wt	5.71	3.00	8.02	5.27	6.84
To-date/2011*	7,959,527	67,950	78,216	146,166	21,903
To-date/2010*	8,203,493	69,305	72,125	141,430	21,527
% Change YTD	-3%	-2%	8%	3%	2%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	575,626	1,700	8,091	9,791	1,966
Last week	631,282	2,410	8,093	10,503	2,234
Same wk yr ago	573,109	2,062	5,717	7,779	1,911
To-date/2011*	34,044,567	116,303	404,076	520,379	106,922
To-date/2010*	34,302,609	118,957	382,202	501,159	106,146
% 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 141.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 138.2 million head, or 3.1 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 - AVAILABLE COMPARISON

Million Head

Week Ending	Slaughtered	Available*	Pct	Avg Wt
Nov	19	149.1	143.4	104%
	26	114.0	143.2	80%
Dec	3	149.9	143.6	104%
	10	153.8	142.9	108%
	17	150.8	141.9	106%
	24	138.2	141.3	98%
Year to date	8,056.1	7,973.0		101%
Dec	31	143.6		
Jan	7	146.6		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection (in thousands)

W/E	12/31/11	12/24/11	%CHG	01/01/11	%CHG
Broilers	126,774	136,566 ¹	-7.17	131401 ¹	-3.52
Cattle	539	598	-9.87	567 ²	-4.94
Hogs	1967	2155	-8.72	1924 ²	+2.23

¹ Actual data incorporated when available.

² Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.

EASTERN REGION MISC POULTRY Delivery week of 26-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)	71.00-77.00	74.00-76.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	73.00-79.00	75.00-77.00

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 seasonally moderate to good. Supplies are moderate. Market activity remains moderate. Processing schedules are reduced due to the Christmas and New Year holidays. 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 07-Nov-11

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	192-210	194-210

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION Date of Auction: 12/27/11
AI PAPERS REQUIRED FOR ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.

	RANGE
Banty Hens	- 2.00 ea.
Turkeys 20-25LBS	.70 - .80 lbs.
Broilers 5-7LBS	1.05 - 1.20 lbs.
Bunnies	4.00 - 12.00 ea.
Chukars	- 4.00 ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9LBS	.55 - .75 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11LBS	.90 - 1.10 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6LBS	1.15 - 1.40 lbs.
Guinea Fowl	1.25 - 1.40 lbs.
Guinea Pigs	.50 - 5.00 ea.
Kid Goats	35.00 - 55.00 ea.
Leghorn Hens	.70 - .90 ea.
Leghorn Roosters	- 3.25 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.30 - 1.55 lbs.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.25 - 1.45 lbs.
Parakeets	9.00 - 11.00 ea.
Pigeons	2.00 - 4.00 ea.
Pullets 4-6LBS	- 1.15 lbs.
Quail	1.00 - 1.40 ea.
Rabbits 6-9LBS	2.20 - 2.60 lbs.
Rabbits 4-6LBS	3.15 - 3.45 lbs.
Red Fowl 5-6LBS	.60 - .65 lbs.
Red Fowl 4-5LBS	.50 - .65 lbs.
Silkies	3.00 - 8.00 ea.
Banty Roosters	- 3.00 ea.
Goose Eggs	4.80 - 5.00 ea.

Total Coops Sold 2041

NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS**NATIONAL FOWL 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 reduced due to the Christmas holiday. Retail feature activity is moderate. Finished product supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Final prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
	8.0 – 15.5	13.13

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

LIVE SPENT LIGHT FOWL

Prices are trending no better than steady. Demand is seasonally light to moderate for the moderate to heavy offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules are less than normal due to the Christmas holiday. Market activity is slow to moderate. The majority price for removal costs continues to be 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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