



National Broiler Market-at-a-Glance

Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending steady to firm in the East, steady elsewhere. Offerings cover the full range, mostly light to moderate with smaller sizes in the best position. Retail demand is light to good, mostly moderate to good. Food service demand is light to moderate. Floor stocks are moderate to sometimes longer than desired. Market activity is moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for mid-week business. 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 mostly moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

The Composite Weighted Average price for 01/02/12 is 81.70 compared to 80.85 a week earlier, and 77.26 a year ago.

Georgia F.O.B. Dock The 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 Jan. 05, 2011.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Dock Price (Cents per Pound). Rows include Line Run Tendere, Breasts - B/S, Breasts - Whole, Thigh Meat - B/S, Thighs, Drumsticks, Leg Quarters, Wings.

Northeast Region Prices are trending steady for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity for ready-to-cook whole broiler fryers is light to moderate for mid-week trading. Offerings of three pound and heavier sizes are moderate to heavy; smaller sizes are sufficient 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 and noted in better balance than a week earlier. Other items are moderate for current needs.

Midwest Region Whole bird prices trended steady with additional offers light. Retail and food service demand was light to instances 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.

Western Region 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 to moderate. Retail demand light to good, mostly moderate to good with best interest on ad items. Foodservice demand light to moderate. Floor stocks moderate to instances longer than desired. Weights desirable. The market on wings, tenderloins and boneless skinless breasts is steady to firm, balance of items mostly steady with some spot caution found on drums. Demand on boneless skinless breasts and wings moderate to good, balance of items light to moderate. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts very light to moderate with some finding product short of needs for prompt shipments into retail channels, wings and tenderloins very light to light, balance of items light to moderate with drums the most available. Movement light to good, mostly moderate with best activity into retail.

Southern Region Whole broiler/fryer prices are holding steady. Supplies are moderate with trading usually limited to regular commitments. Demand is mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for mid-week business. Prices are higher for wings, steady to firm for tenders and boneless skinless breast. Dark meat items and other part items 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 slow to mostly moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set Down 4 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 194 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 31, 2011. This was down 4 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 31, 2011. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2011 through December 31, 2011 were 8.58 billion, down 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set and Broiler Chicks Placed 19 Selected State Total

Table with 4 columns: Week Ending 12/31/11, 2011, 2010, Percent Change Previous Year. Rows include Eggs Set, Chicks Placed. Includes source information: USDA, NASS.

Weekly Fryers Available for Marketing

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 11-Feb-12 is estimated at 150.2 million head. This compares to 149.9 million head the previous week and to 159.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 158.5 million head and the composite weighted average price was 75.05 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)	621	48.00-50.00	-	48.51
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	837	49.00-52.00	-	51.12
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		

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Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for January 04, 2012 -- F.O.B Dock

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
55.00 – 57.00	55.53	55.76

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.  
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**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** - Prices continue to trend firm to higher for wings; steady to firm for tenders and boneless skinless breast. Other items are generally steady. Trucklot buying activity is light to moderate for mid-week trading. Offerings of wings are short of full needs and commanding premiums; other items are light to moderate and clearing satisfactorily. 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 NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	140-145	128.66	592,360
TENDERLOINS	155-160	154.24	138,800
BREAST - WITH RIBS	79-80	94.58	46,259
BREAST - LINE RUN	79	79.03	113,668
LEGS	70-71	71.78	144,040
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	48-49	53.70	104,080
DRUMSTICKS	56-57	72.33	45,800
THIGHS	70-71	78.44	59,200
B/S THIGHS	124-125	126.87	48,120
WINGS (WHOLE)	166-167	169.81	181,600
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	8,140
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	51.23	12,270
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	73.48	19,160

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)		
	01/04	01/03	01/02	12/30	01/02	12/30		12/28	12/26
Alabama	3,624	3,811	(A)	3,498	(A)	5.64	3,477	(A)	
Arkansas	4,611	4,839	(A)	3,806	(A)	5.01	4,741	(A)	
Delmarva	2,083	2,075	(A)	2,109	(A)	6.17	2,129	Holiday	
KY-LA-TN	2,338	2,464	(A)	2,532	(A)	5.02	2,437	(A)	
Mississippi	2,884	2,941	(A)	2,612	(A)	5.55	2,525	(A)	
North Carolina	2,386	2,652	(A)	2,606	(A)	7.01	2,471	(A)	
Texas	2,472	2,475	(A)	2,793	(A)	5.84	2,441	(A)	
Total	20,398	21,257	6,162	19,956	5.33	5.69	20,221	5.43	
Mon-Wed	47,563	(B)					44,365	(B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 04-Jan-12 is estimated to be 30,518,000 head up 0.57 percent from a week ago and down 9.11 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,344,000, last year 33,576,000)

**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 07-Jan-12

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	01/07/12 (1)	12/31/11	Thousand head	
Broiler/fryer	134,036 (2)	125,094		
Light hens	1,457	1,331		
Heavy hens	1,355	1,386		
Total	136,848	127,811		

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 07-Jan-12 is 146.6 million head compared to 169.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 134.3 million head or 12.3 million less than estimated available. For the week of 14-Jan-12 the estimated available is 150.3 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS** - Selected Centers

(Including government stocks) (In thousands)

		PROCESSED TURKEYS		PROCESSED POULTRY	
		LBS		LBS	
AM	01/02/12	56,420		51,180	
AM	12/01/11	46,535		52,639	
CHG		9,885		-1,459	
PCT CHG		21%		-3%	

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of November 30, 2011 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on January 1, 2012 are:

Frozen Eggs	33	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Turkeys	234	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Other Poultry	641	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (In Thousands)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	01/02/12	12/26/11	01/03/11	01/02/12	12/26/11	01/03/11
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>	310	310	362	1,616	1,653	4,176
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	219	219	133	620	504	1,442

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

All Papers Required To Sell All Out of State Poultry

	LOW HIGH AVG			FOR 01/03/12		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	2.50	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	6.00	6.50 6.25
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	8.50	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	12.00	13.00 12.64
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	5.50	16.50 11.11
RABBITS lb.	2.00	3.70	2.86	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.50	4.75 3.60
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	4.50	7.50 6.26
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	.50	-	-	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	31					

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY**

Cents per pound for the week ending Dec 30, 2011

	Whole		Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers/	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts	W/Thighs	& Wings	Gizzards	
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	83.30	130.15	94.36	22.78	6.51	65.08
High	85.25	146.42	110.63	29.28	9.76	65.08
Mostly	84.60	143.17	107.38	26.03	6.51	65.08
<b>SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	81.35	130.15	91.11	19.52	6.51	65.08
High	84.60	146.42	107.38	26.03	9.76	65.08
Mostly	84.60	143.17	104.12	24.40	6.51	65.08
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	83.95	130.15	97.62	26.03	9.76	68.33
High	86.23	149.68	113.89	32.54	13.02	68.33
Mostly	84.60	146.42	110.63	29.28	9.76	68.33
<b>BECERRA</b>						
Low	84.60	130.15	100.87	29.28	9.76	68.33
High	86.88	152.93	117.14	35.79	13.02	68.33
Mostly	84.60	149.68	113.89	32.54	9.76	68.33

**NATIONAL FOWL MARKET** Dec 30, 2011

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 light to moderate for midweek business. Offerings are light to instances heavy 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, wings are tight. The balance of supplies ranged light to moderate.

\*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	62-95
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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