



National Broiler Market-at-a-Glance

Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending steady to instances weak in the Midwest, steady elsewhere. Offerings are light to heavy, mostly light to moderate for current trade needs. Retail demand is light to instances good best where promotions are planned or in progress.



Food service demand is light to moderate with some finding a normal slowing in buyer interest. Floor stocks are balanced to long. In the parts structure, movement is moderate for mid-week business. Prices for wings and bone-in breast are trending firm to higher and continue to command premiums. All other parts are steady to at least steady. Offerings of wings and b/s breast are light and held with confidence. Remaining parts are moderate. Market activity is mostly moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

Georgia F.O.B. Dock The quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 cents to 90.25 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. 12, 2011.

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

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

Information supplied by the GA Dept. of Ag's Poultry Market News Service.

Northeast Region Prices are trending steady for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity for ready-to-cook whole broiler fryers is 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 short of full needs and held with absolute confidence; bone-in-breasts and dark meat cuts are light to moderate and clearing satisfactorily.

Midwest Region Whole bird prices trended steady to instances weak with additional offers moderate to instances heavy. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate. Floor stocks were balanced to instances long. Sizes were mixed. Whole bird market activity was light to moderate. Supplies of wings were tight with breast cuts and dark meat items light to moderate; boneless skinless breasts more available this week. Prices trended firm to higher on wings and steady on the balance of parts. Parts market activity was light to moderate with wings receiving good buyer interest.

Western Region The Los Angeles delivered quote is 99 cents, unchanged from last week. The market on whole fryers is steady. The WOG is steady on under 3 lb. sizes and steady to weak on over 3 lb. weights in response to lower trending offering prices. Offerings light on under 3 lb. weights and moderate to heavy on over 3 lb. sizes. Retail demand light to good, mostly light to moderate. Foodservice demand light to moderate with some finding a normal slowing in buyer interest. Floor stocks mostly moderate. Weights desirable. The market on wings and bone-in breasts is firm with offering prices higher; boneless skinless breasts mixed ranging steady to firm with retail destined product in the strongest position. The market on dark items is mostly steady with retail destined items stronger than bulk product. Domestic demand on wings moderate to good, b-s breasts moderate to instances good with best into retail, balance of items light to moderate. Offerings of wings very light to light, bone-in breasts light, balance of white items light to moderate. Offerings of dark item very light to moderate with some finding items into retail channels less available than bulk pack items.

Southern Region Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady. Supplies are moderate for current trade needs with smaller size birds in the best position. Demand is moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is moderate for mid-week week business. Wings and whole breast are trending firm to higher and are in the best position. Dark meat items are steady to firm and all other parts are trending steady. Offerings are light for wings and whole breast, dark meat items are moderate and remaining parts are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to at times active. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set Down 6 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 193 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 7, 2012. This was down 6 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 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 162 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 7, 2012. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier.

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

Table with 4 columns: Week Ending 01/07/12, 2012, 2011, Percent Change Previous Year. Rows include Eggs Set and Chicks Placed. Includes a list of selected states and source information.

Weekly Fryers Available for Marketing

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 18-Feb-12 is estimated at 149.6 million head. This compares to 150.2 million head the previous week and to 158.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 159.9 million head and the composite weighted average price was 74.17 cents per pound.

Southern States Broiler 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.

Jan 10, 2012	Pounds (000)	Range	Maj	Wtd Avg	Jan 11, 2012	Pounds (000)	Range	Maj	Wtd Avg
Breast - B/S		Too Few To Report			Breast - B/S	494	120.00-172.00	-	127.17
Tenderloins		Too Few To Report			Tenderloins		Too Few To Report		
Breast - Line Run		Too Few To Report			Breast - Line Run		Too Few To Report		
Front Halves		Too Few To Report			Front Halves		Too Few To Report		
Legs		Too Few To Report			Legs		Too Few To Report		
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	631	48.00-50.00	-	48.74	Leg Quarters (Bulk)	524	48.00-50.00	-	48.56
Leg Quarters (4/10)	802	50.00-52.00	-	51.20	Leg Quarters (4/10)	947	49.00-52.00	-	51.14
Wings (Whole)		Too Few To Report			Wings (Whole)		Too Few To Report		
Wings (Cut)		Too Few To Report			Wings (Cut)		Too Few To Report		
Drumsticks		Too Few To Report			Drumsticks		Too Few To Report		
Thighs		Too Few To Report			Thighs		Too Few To Report		
B/S Thighs		Too Few To Report			B/S Thighs		Too Few To Report		

 Whole Body Index Based On Southern States Parts Trading for Jan 10, 2012 -- f.o.b. dock.

 Whole Body Index Based On Southern States Parts Trading For Jan 11, 2012 -- f.o.b. dock.

Range	Today's Average	Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average
55.00 - 57.50	55.67	55.00 - 57.50	56.03	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.

Northeast Broiler/Fryer Parts Prices are trending firm to higher for wings and bone-in breasts; steady to at least steady for other cuts. Trucklot buying activity is moderate for mid-week trading. Offerings of wings are short of full needs and continue to command premiums; other items are light to moderate and clearing satisfactorily. Movement is moderate to instances active.

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

Jan 10, 2012	Current Negotiated	Trading*	Wtd Avg**	Volume /Lbs	Jan 11, 2012	Current Negotiated	Trading*	Wtd Avg**	Volume /Lbs
Breast - B/S	150-155		130.61	1,047,320	Breast - B/S	150-155		130.62	482,760
Tenderloins	155-160		156.94	221,720	Tenderloins	155-160		153.67	133,640
Breast - With Ribs	81-82		93.63	58,869	Breast - With Ribs	82-83		95.59	62,726
Breast - Line Run	81		84.84	83,721	Breast - Line Run	82		85.09	73,499
Legs	70-71		73.35	81,160	Legs	70-71		71.09	202,080
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	57-58		53.39	299,480	Leg Quarters (Bulk)	57-58		53.87	162,040
Drumsticks	56-57		69.49	99,440	Drumsticks	56-57		72.46	70,680
Thighs	70-71		80.36	73,640	Thighs	70-71		77.70	80,440
B/S Thighs	124-125		125.79	112,960	B/S Thighs	124-125		121.36	80,360
Wings (Whole)	174-175		176.47	245,360	Wings (Whole)	176-177		182.55	162,160
Backs and Necks (Stripped)	16-18		18.00	8,906	Backs and Necks (Stripped)	16-18		18.00	10,290
Livers (5 Pound Tubs)	50-55		50.00	11,970	Livers (5 Pound Tubs)	50-55		51.48	8,910
Gizzards (Hearts)	70-75		74.11	22,640	Gizzards (Hearts)	70-75		74.46	23,360

Includes New York City metropolitan area, northern NJ, MA, CT, RI, and PA (northeast of Harrisburg).

* Current 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 (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wts	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wts
Alabama	01/11 3,498	01/10 3,813	01/09 3,796	01/06 3,763	01/09 5.71
Arkansas	4,642	4,798	4,723	4,802	5.71
Delmarva	1,820	2,015	2,036	2,917	6.39
KY-LA-TN	2,409	2,441	2,351	2,342	5.54
Mississippi	2,784	2,723	2,800	3,011	6.07
North Carolina	2,471	2,603	2,508	3,065	7.36
Texas	2,444	2,462	2,448	2,873	6.10
Total	20,068	20,855	20,662	22,773	6.05
Mon-Wed	61,887(B)				5.83

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 11-Jan-12 is estimated to be 30,024,000 head down 0.71 percent from a week ago and down 5.33 percent from a year ago. (Last week 30,240,000, last year 31,715,000)

Processed Poultry – (cents per pound)

Delivered To Retailers in Southern California (L.A. Area)	Range
Fresh Fryers	109-122
Roasters 4# & Up	129-139
Ducks	
Rabbits-Whole	
Rabbits-Cut Up	
Delivered To Restaurants and Institutions in San Francisco	Range
Fresh Fryers	113-185
Dry Pack	
Ice Pack	-
Roasters 4# & Up	124
Dry Pack	
Ice Pack	
Ducks	217-285

Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter

Under Federal Inspection for Week Ending 14-January-12

Class	Current Week		Previous Week	
	01/14/12(1)		01/07/12	
	----- Thousand head -----			
Broiler/fryer	154,989 (2)		134,036	
Light hens	1,742		1,457	
Heavy hens	1,492		1,355	
Total	158,223		136,848	

(1)Estimated

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 14-Jan-12 is 150.3 million head compared to 151.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 155.3 million head or 5.0 million more than estimated available. For the week of 21-Jan-12 the estimated available is 152.9 million head.

Weekly Cold Storage Holdings - Selected Centers

(Inc. Gov't Stocks) (in thousands)

	Processed Turkeys		Processed other Poultry	
	Lbs		Lbs	
AM 01/09/12	66,209		49,012	
AM 01/01/12	56,420		51,180	
CHG	9789		-2168	
PCT CHG	17%		-4%	

Cold Storage Movement – (in thousands)

	Processed Turkeys			Processed other Poultry		
	01/09/12	01/02/12	01/10/11	01/09/12	01/02/12	01/10/11
Pacific Coast	286	310	396	1,559	1,616	4,113
Los Angeles	198	219	118	644	620	1,358

Hackettstown, NJ - Poultry Auction for 01-10-12

*All Papers Required to Sell All Out of State Poultry

	Low High Avg			Low High Avg		
	Heavy Fowl lb.	.70	2.50	.81	Heavy Fowl ea.	-
Light Fowl lb.	-	-	-	Light Fowl ea.	-	8.75
Mixed Fowl lb.	-	-	-	Mixed Fowl ea.	-	-
Bantams lb.	-	-	-	Bantams ea.	-	-
Broilers lb.	-	-	-	Broilers ea.	2.00	4.25
Roasters lb.	-	1.25	-	Roasters ea.	-	-
Fryers lb.	-	-	-	Fryers ea.	-	-
Chicks lb.	-	-	-	Chicks ea.	-	-
Pullets lb.	-	-	-	Pullets ea.	-	7.00
Bunnies lb.	-	-	-	Bunnies ea.	-	2.50
Roosters lb.	-	-	-	Roosters ea.	3.50	9.50
Geese lb.	-	-	-	Geese ea.	-	-
Turkeys lb.	-	-	-	Turkeys ea.	19.00	26.00
Ducks lb.	-	-	-	Ducks ea.	-	6.00
Rabbits lb.	1.40	2.90	2.02	Rabbits ea.	-	8.00
Pigeons lb.	-	-	-	Pigeons ea.	1.00	4.00
Guinea Fowl lb.	-	-	-	Guinea Fowl ea.	-	-
Ducklings lb.	-	-	-	Ducklings ea.	-	-
Guinea Keets ea.	-	-	-	Call Ducks ea.	-	-
Silkie ea.	-	5.00	-	Goslings ea.	-	-
Guinea Pigs ea.	-	.50	-	Turkey Poult ea.	-	-
Chukars ea.	-	-	-	Peacocks ea.	-	60.00
Partridges ea.	-	-	-	Cockateals ea.	-	-
Doves ea.	-	-	-	Pheasants ea.	-	-
Quail ea.	1.25	2.00	1.56	Ferrets ea.	-	-
Chinchilas ea.	-	-	-	Mice ea.	-	-
Peafowl ea.	-	-	-			
Total Coops	79					

Major Wholesale Markets – Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending January 06, 2012

	Whole		Legs w/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts				
Rayon						
Low	82.71	132.34	92.64	26.47	6.62	62.86
High	84.36	145.57	99.25	33.08	9.93	62.86
Mostly	82.71	142.26	95.94	29.78	8.27	62.86

SAN JUAN

Low	82.71	132.34	89.33	26.47	6.62	62.86
High	84.36	142.26	95.94	33.08	9.93	62.86
Mostly	82.71	138.95	92.64	29.78	6.62	62.86

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	82.71	132.34	95.94	29.78	9.93	66.17
High	85.36	145.57	102.56	36.39	13.23	66.17
Mostly	82.71	142.26	99.25	33.08	9.93	66.17

BECERRA

Low	83.37	132.34	95.94	33.08	9.93	66.17
High	86.02	148.88	105.87	39.70	13.23	66.17
Mostly	83.37	148.88	102.56	36.39	9.93	66.17

Ready-to-Cook National Fowl Market

Midwest Region Negotiated Prices to First Receivers

(cents/lb.; U.S. Grade A and Plant Grade)

	Price Range	
	Hens	Ice Packed (12 per Box)
	Vacuum Packed (6-9 per Box)	85.0 - 90.0

Midwest region = IL, IN, MI, MO, OH, and WI

Delmarva

Less-than-trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 80 to 86 cents with a steady trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is light to moderate for mid-week business. Offerings ranged light to moderate with the smaller sizes in the best position. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but reported as desirable. Processing schedules are light. Market activity is moderate. In the parts complex, offerings of wings are tight. The balance of parts are 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 66-96

Weighted Average (A)

No. Of Boxes (A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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