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National Broiler Market At-A-Glance



Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending steady to firm in the East, barely steady in the Midwest and steady in the West. Preliminary majority prices are 2 cents lower in the Midwest, 2 cents higher in the East, unchanged in the West when compared to early week prices. Offerings are light to heavy, mostly light to moderate for current trade needs. Retail demand is light to good, mostly light to moderate. Food service demand is light to moderate. Floor stocks are balanced to long. In the parts structure, movement is moderate entering the holiday weekend. Prices for wings and bone-in breast are trending firm to higher and continue to command premiums. Dark meat items are trending steady to firm with legs and drums in the strongest position. 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.

Preliminary Report Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers FOB and delivered to first receivers at major market areas (cents per lb.) Week of 16-Jan-2012

Majority	Range	Wtd Avg	Loads
Delivered to First Receivers:			
US Grade A 1/			
New York	78.00-81.00		
Los Angeles	99.00		
Whole Body 2/			
Chicago	70.00-74.00	59.00-85.00	71.65 31
FOB Dock Equivalent 3/:			
Mississippi	82.00-86.00	75.00-90.25	84.01 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 Fob Dock Prices The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is **90.25** cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

Loads	Range	Preliminary f.o.b. Dock or Equivalent	Prelim. Wtd Avg
730	85.50-99.03		90.01

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed Prelimin. WTD AVAG price on ice-packed parts:

Item	Wtd Avg (Cents per Pound)	Volume (000 Pounds)
Line Run Tenders	194.50	976
Breasts - B/S	152.50	4,460
Breasts - Whole	85.00	943
Thigh Meat - B/S	118.50	807
Thighs	72.00	759
Drumsticks	69.50	760
Leg Quarters	53.50	5,328
Wings	179.00	2,204

This info is supplied by the GA Dept. of Ag/Poultry Market News Service.

Western Region The Los Angeles preliminary majority is 99 cents, unchanged from last Monday's final. The market on whole fryers is steady. The WOG market is steady to weak with trading unchanged to lower for next week. Offerings light to moderate with over 3 lb. sized WOGs the most available. Retail demand light to good, mostly light to moderate with a few finding interest slowing for the weekend. Foodservice demand light to moderate. Some improvement is reported into resort areas in response to increased convention business. Floor stocks in a full range from light to moderately heavy, mostly moderate. Weights desirable. The market on wings and bone-in breasts is firm with prices higher, boneless skinless breasts steady to firm with prices unchanged to higher and tenderloins steady for next week's shipments. The market on dark items is steady to firm with prices unchanged to higher for next week's shipments with retail destined items in the strongest position. Domestic demand on wings moderate to good, boneless skinless breasts moderate to instances good, balance of items light to moderate. Export interest light to moderate. Trading was reported on frozen thigh meat 125-129 and frozen breast meat 136 delivered for domestic. Offerings of wings very light to light, bone-in breasts light, balance of white items light to moderate with offerings of bulk boneless skinless breast meat more available at the end of the week. Offerings of dark item very light to moderate with retail destined items the least available.

Midwest Region Preliminary prices were 2 cents lower into Chicago and TFEWR elsewhere. Whole bird prices were barely steady with additional offers moderate to 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. Prices trended firm on wings, steady to fully steady on bone in breast and steady on the balance of parts. Parts market activity was light to moderate with wings receiving good buyer interest.

Northeast Region Prices are trending firm for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity for ready-to-cook whole broiler fryers is moderate entering the holiday weekend. Offerings of all sizes are in good balance and clearing well under normal premiums. Trade activity is moderate to active. In the parts complex, offerings of wings are short of full needs and well cleared; bone-in-breasts are light and clearing satisfactorily. Dark meat cuts are light to moderate for current needs with legs and drums noted in the better balance.

Southern Region Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady. Offerings are moderate to satisfy trade needs. Demand entering the weekend is moderate with trading usually limited to regular commitments. Market activity is moderate. In the parts structure, movement is moderate to at times good for late week business. Price trend for wings are higher, firm to higher for boneless skinless breast and moderate for remaining parts. Offerings of wings and b/s breast are light and held with confidence. All other parts are moderate but legs are in good supply and moving well. Market activity is moderate to active. In production areas, live supplies are moderate. Weights are mixed, but mostly desirable.

Delmarva Less-than-trucklot asking prices are 1 cent higher at 81 to 87 cents with a steady to fully steady trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is moderate approaching the holiday weekend. Offerings are sufficient for current trade needs. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processing schedules are heavy when combined with plants operating on Saturday. Some plants are down Monday for the MLK holiday. Market activity is moderate. In the parts complex, offerings of wings are short and held with confidence. The balance of parts 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 form Delmarva

Range	Branded U.S. Grade A
	62-96
Weighted Average	(A)
No. Of Boxes	(A)
Cumulative	01/09/12-01/13/12 (A)
	01/10/11-01/14/11 (A)
No. Of Boxes	01/09/12-01/13/12 (A)
	01/10/11-01/14/11 (A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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.
January 12, 2012

Item	Pounds (000)	Range	Maj	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)	251	48.00-50.00	-	49.35
Leg Quarters (4/10)	744	50.00-52.00	-	51.14
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 January 12, 2012 -- f.o.b. dock.

Range	Today's Average
55.00 - 57.00	56.01

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 Parts Prices continue to trend firm to higher for wings and bone-in breasts; firm for drums and legs and at least steady for the balance of items. Trucklot buying activity is moderate entering the holiday weekend. Offerings of wings are short of full needs and moving well; other items are light to moderate and clearing satisfactorily with drums and legs noted in the better balance. Movement is moderate to active.

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

January 12, 2012

Item	Current Neg Trading*	Wtd Avg**	Vol /lbs.
Breast - B/S	150-155	130.17	694,480
Tenderloins	155-160	157.65	169,880
Breast - With Ribs	83-84	95.87	65,981
Breast - Line Run	83	86.17	72,015
Legs	70-71	72.21	247,160
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	57-58	53.49	296,840
Drumsticks	57-58	72.49	77,400
Thighs	71-72	78.26	69,400
B/S Thighs	124-125	126.38	69,720
Wings (Whole)	178-179	181.69	215,440
Backs and Necks (Stripped)	16-18	18.00	9,640
Livers (5 Pound Tubs)	50-55	52.33	13,230
Gizzards (Hearts)	70-75	75.14	22,560

Includes: New York City metropolitan area, northern NJ, MA, CT, RI, and 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.

January 13, 2012

Item	Pounds (000)	Range	Maj	Wtd Avg	Weekly Pounds (000)	Weekly Wtd Avg
Breast - B/S		Too Few to Report			1,840	131.51
Tenderloins		Too Few to Report			886	146.76
Breast - Line Run		Too Few to Report			TFEWR	
Front Halves		Too Few to Report			200	62.95
Legs		Too Few to Report			TFEWR	
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	271	48.00-50.00	-	49.04	2,262	48.79
Leg Quarters (4/10)	627	50.00-52.00	-	51.08	3,899	51.16
Wings (Whole)		Too Few to Report			111	173.88
Wings (Cut)		Too Few to Report			194	181.51
Drumsticks		Too Few to Report			122	49.31
Thighs		Too Few to Report			TFEWR	
B/S Thighs		Too Few to Report			195	113.97

Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for January 13, 2012 -- f.o.b. dock.

Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average
56.00 - 57.00	56.52	55.98

Estimated Slaughter of Broiler-Fryers

	Estimated		Actual				Avg Wts	
	(1,000)	01/12	(1,000)	01/11	01/10	01/11	01/10	01/06
Alabama	3,297	3,803	3,491	3,737	5.73	5.68	3,763	5.76
Arkansas	3,571	4,603	4,610	4,820	5.63	5.67	4,802	5.68
Delmarva	2,519	2,038	1,812	2,038	6.37	6.22	2,917	6.35
KY-LA-TN	2,539	2,449	2,430	2,575	5.31	5.39	2,342	5.46
Mississippi	3,167	2,870	2,772	2,743	6.00	6.04	3,011	6.12
North Carolina	3,073	2,564	2,350	2,508	7.12	7.17	3,065	7.49
Texas	2,455	2,437	2,455	2,230	5.98	6.16	2,873	5.94
Total	20,621	20,764	19,920	20,651	5.95	5.98	22,773	6.04
Mon-Fri	103,272	(A)					90,631	(A)
Saturday	1,186	(included in total for date shown)					2,714	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 13-Jan-12 and 14-Jan-12 is estimated to be 30,851,000 head down 9.72 percent from a week ago and down 28.56 percent from a year ago. (Last week 34,173,000, last year 43,184,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 14-Jan-12 is estimated to be 153,896,000 head up 13.82 percent from a week ago, and up 2.86 percent from a year ago. (Last week 135,215,000, last year 149,611,000)

Actual data incorporated when available.

California Processed Poultry - cents per pound

Southern (Los Angeles area) - delivered to retailers		Range
Fresh Fryers		109-122
Roasters 4# & Up		129-139
Ducks		
Rabbits-Whole		
Rabbits-Cut Up		
San Francisco - delivered to restaurants & institutions		Range
Fresh Fryers	Dry Pack	113-185
	Ice Pack	
Roasters 4# & Up	Dry Pack	124
	Ice Pack	
Ducks		217-285

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

W/E 07-Jan-2012 (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	30,582	59,971	25,112	19,550	135,215
Avg Live Wgt	3.81	5.26	6.78	8.65	5.71
% of total /1	23%	44%	19%	14%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	33,800	48,741	25,500	18,132	126,173
Avg Live Wgt	3.72	5.35	6.82	8.93	5.72
% of total /1	27%	39%	20%	14%	100%
Year Ago 2/	31,231	77,740	34,584	24,224	167,779
Avg Live Wgt	3.74	5.37	6.65	8.44	5.77
% of total /1	19%	46%	21%	14%	100%
To date/2012*	30,582	59,971	25,112	19,550	135,215
To date/2011*	31,231	77,740	34,584	24,224	167,779

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 Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

(Preliminary)

W/E 07-Jan-2012	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
Head	135,215	1,375	1,365	2,740	404
Avg Wt	5.71	3.15	7.75	5.44	6.47
Last week	126,173	1,378	1,371	2,749	402
Same wk yr ago	167,779	1,386	1,338	2,724	439
Avg Wt	5.77	3.10	7.94	5.48	6.90
To-date/2012*	135,215	1,375	1,365	2,740	404
To-date/2011*	167,779	1,386	1,338	2,724	439
% Change YTD	-19%	-1%	2%	1%	-8%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	579,058	2,252	7,141	9,393	1,882
Last week	541,282	2,330	6,958	9,288	1,977
Same wk yr ago	721,223	2,277	7,065	9,342	2,181
To-date/2012*	579,058	2,252	7,141	9,393	1,882
To-date/2011*	721,223	2,277	7,065	9,342	2,181
% Change YTD	-20%	-1%	1%	1%	-14%

Dressing % 75.0% 52.0% 67.5% 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 146.6 million head.

Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 136.9 million head, or 9.7 million less than estimated available. (B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

Estimated U.S. Fryer Slaughter/Fryer Availability Comparison

Week Ending	Million Head Slaughtered	Million Head Available*	Pct	Avg Wt
Dec 3	149.9	143.6	104%	5.86
10	153.8	142.9	108%	5.79
17	150.8	141.9	106%	5.65
24	138.2	141.3	98%	5.62
31	127.7	143.6	89%	5.72
Jan 7	136.9	146.6	93%	5.71
Year to date	136.9	146.6	93%	
Jan 14		150.3		
21		152.9		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

Broiler/Cattle/Hog Weekly Estimated Slaughter

Under Federal Inspection (in thousands)

W/E	01/14/12	01/07/12	%chg	01/15/11	%chg
Broilers	153,896	135,215 ¹	+13.82	149,611 ¹	+2.86
Cattle	653	560	+17	631 ²	+03
Hogs	2,212	2,063	+07	2,127 ²	+04

¹ Actual data incorporated when available.² Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.**Eastern Region Misc. Poultry** Delivery Week of 09-Jan-12

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 ranges moderate to very good, while supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate to active with the approach of the upcoming Chinese New Year. Processing schedules are full-time to over-time. 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 09-Jan-12

Origin	Frozen	Fresh
Midwest and Others	192-210	194-210

Graystone Small Animal Auction Date of Auction: 01/10/12

All Papers Required to Sell All Out of State Poultry

Prices Paid per lb., Except as Noted

	Range
Banty Hens	3.00 - 3.25 ea.
White Pigeons	4.75 - 5.00 ea.
Broilers 5-6LBS	1.10 - 1.20 lbs.
Bunnies	4.00 - 8.00 ea.
Canaries	- 20.00 ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9LBS	.55 - .75 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11LBS	.60 - .70 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6LBS	1.00 - 1.20 lbs.
Geese 9-14LBS	- 1.60 lbs.
Guinea Fowl	1.80 - 2.00 lbs.
Guinea Pigs	1.00 - 6.50 ea.
Leghorn Hens	- 2.00 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.60 - 1.80 lbs.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.50 - 1.75 lbs.
Parakeets	6.00 - 7.00 ea.
Pekin Ducks	5.00 - 6.00 ea.
Pigeons	2.40 - 2.60 ea.
Pullets 4-6LBS	- 1.15 lbs.
Quail	1.20 - 1.50 ea.
Rabbits 6-9LBS	2.30 - 2.50 lbs.
Rabbits 4-6LBS	2.85 - 3.15 lbs.
Red Fowl 5-6LBS	.60 - .85 lbs.
Red Fowl 4-5LBS	.55 - .80 lbs.
Turkeys	12.00 - 16.00 ea.
Banty Roosters	4.50 - 6.00 ea.
Rats	1.00 - 1.50 ea.
Hamsters	.70 - 1.00 ea.
Diamond Doves	7.00 - 8.00 ea.
Goose Eggs	5.00 - 5.20 ea.
Cockatiels	24.00 - 27.00 ea.

Total Coops Sold 2506

LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL

Prices are trending steady when compared to the previous week. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy for the mostly moderate demand. Processing schedules are normal. Retail feature activity is light to moderate. Finished product supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is 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.)

LIVE SPENT LIGHT FOWL

Prices are trending no better than steady for the light to moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are moderate to heavy. Processing schedules are normal. 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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