



National Broiler Market-at-a-Glance

Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending barely steady to weak in the Midwest, steady to firm in the West, and steady in the East. Offerings are light to moderate for current trade needs. Retail demand is light to good, mostly light to moderate best where ads are in progress.



Food service demand is light to moderate. Floor stocks are balanced to long. In the parts structure, movement is moderate for mid-week business. Prices for wings and whole breast are trending firm to higher with good movement. Dark meat items are trending steady to firm, and all other parts are mostly steady. Offerings of wings are in close balance to short of current needs. Bone-in breast are light and clearing well. Remaining parts are 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 01/16/12 is 80.84 compared to 81.33 a week earlier, and 77.00 a year ago.

Georgia F.O.B. Dock The quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 cents to 90.50 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. 19, 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 all sizes are sufficient for current needs. Trade activity is moderate. In the parts complex, offerings of wings are in close balance to short; bone-in-breasts are light and clearing well. Dark meat cuts are light to moderate.

Midwest Region Whole bird prices were barely steady to instances weak with additional offers light to moderate. 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 still receiving good buyer interest.

Western Region The Wednesday Los Angeles delivered quote is 100 cents, up 1 cent from last week. The market on whole fryers is steady to firm. The WOG market is steady. Offerings light. Retail demand light to good, mostly light to moderate. Foodservice demand light to moderate. Floor stocks moderate. Weights desirable. The market on wings and bone-in breasts is steady to firm, boneless skinless breasts and tenderloins steady. The market on retail packaged dark items is steady to firm while items meant for further processing are mostly steady with some pot weakness reported on jumbo legs and leg meat in response to lower trending offering prices. Domestic demand on wings and bone-in breasts moderate to good and also on retail ad items, balance of items light to moderate. Export interest light to moderate. Trading was reported on frozen thigh meat 112-117 delivered domestic. Offerings of wings very light to light, bone-in breasts light at best, balance of white items light to moderate. Offerings of dark items in a full range with retail destined items very light to moderate.

Southern Region Whole broiler/fryer prices are holding steady. Supplies are moderate for current trade needs. Demand is moderate for mid-week business. Market activity is moderate. In the parts structure, movement is moderate. 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 light to moderate and moving satisfactorily. All remaining parts are moderate. Market activity is moderate. 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 192 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 14, 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 14, 2012. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2012 through January 14, 2012 were 324 million, down 4 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 01/14/12, 2012, 2011, Percent Change Previous Year. Rows include Eggs Set, Chicks Placed, and Selected States.

Weekly Fryers Available for Marketing

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 25-Feb-12 is estimated at 149.2 million head. This compares to 149.6 million head the previous week and to 158.6 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 164.1 million head and the composite weighted average price was 75.39 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)	591	48.00-50.00	-	49.75
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	689	49.00-52.00	-	51.31
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
55.00 – 57.50	56.88	56.61

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 and bone-in breasts; steady to instances firm for dark meat cuts and steady for the balance of items. Trucklot buying activity is moderate for mid-week trading. Offerings of wings are in close balance to short of current needs; bone-in breasts are light and clearing satisfactorily. Dark meat cuts are sufficient for current needs. Movement is moderate.

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

JAN 17, 2012	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	JAN 18, 2012	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	150-155	133.12	504,080	BREAST - B/S	150-155	130.46	702,280
TENDERLOINS	155-160	155.11	146,080	TENDERLOINS	155-160	153.92	115,800
BREAST - WITH RIBS	85-86	97.45	42,778	BREAST - WITH RIBS	86-87	100.51	44,719
BREAST - LINE RUN	85	87.47	115,759	BREAST - LINE RUN	86	89.03	72,474
LEGS	71-72	74.71	47,880	LEGS	71-72	78.68	58,080
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	57-58	54.01	203,560	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	48-49	53.49	108,520
DRUMSTICKS	58-59	68.38	157,320	DRUMSTICKS	58-59	70.96	51,680
THIGHS	71-72	79.79	92,680	THIGHS	71-72	79.60	49,360
B/S THIGHS	124-125	127.88	63,000	B/S THIGHS	124-125	125.25	81,360
WINGS (WHOLE)	180-181	185.13	219,360	WINGS (WHOLE)	181-182	186.55	227,560
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	8,083	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	5,808
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	52.61	6,960	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	52.00	14,730
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.30	16,640	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.16	22,840

INCLUDES NY CITY METRO. AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, & PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. 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 (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS
	01/18	01/17	01/16	01/13	01/16	01/13	01/11	01/09	
Alabama	3,374	3,838	2,823	3,311	5.25	5.80	3,491	5.71	
Arkansas	4,724	4,816	4,797	3,714	5.79	5.36	4,610	5.71	
Delmarva	2,045	2,060	(A)	2,658	(A)	6.34	1,812	6.39	
KY-LA-TN	2,411	2,427	1,877	2,612	4.84	5.28	2,430	5.54	
Mississippi	2,856	2,904	(A)	3,184	(A)	6.30	2,772	6.07	
North Carolina	2,661	2,678	1,863	3,362	7.64	6.81	2,350	7.36	
Texas	2,439	2,439	1,956	2,703	5.59	5.88	2,455	6.10	
Total	20,510	21,162	15,423	21,544	5.78	5.97	19,920	6.05	
Mon-Wed	57,228 (B)						61,233 (B)		

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 18-Jan-12 is estimated to be 30,685,000 head up 2.65 percent from a week ago and down 10.01 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 29,892,000, last year 34,097,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

PROCESSED POULTRY, DLVRD TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	109-122
ROASTERS 4# & UP	129-139
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DLVRD 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 21-Jan-12

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	01/21/12 (1)	01/14/12	Thousand head	
Broiler/fryer	147,931 (2)	154,989		
Light hens	1,749	1,742		
Heavy hens	1,620	1,492		
Total	151,300	158,223		

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 21-Jan-12 is 152.9 million head compared to 165.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 148.2 million head or 4.7 million less than estimated available. For the week of 28-Jan-12 the estimated available is 153.3 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers

(Including government stocks) (In thousands)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS		PROCESSED POULTRY	
		LBS		LBS
AM 01/16/12		75,354		47,598
AM 01/01/12		56,420		51,180
CHG		18,934		-3,582
PCT CHG		34%		-7%

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (In Thousands)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	01/16/12	01/09/12	01/10/11	01/16/12	01/09/12	01/10/11
PACIFIC						
COAST	280	286	396	1,518	1,559	4,113
LOS ANGELES	191	198	118	599	644	1,358

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

All Papers Required To Sell All Out of State Poultry

	LOW HIGH AVG				LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.40	1.00	.69	HEAVY FOWL ea.	2.00	5.00	3.50
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	1.75	3.75	2.50
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	7.50	8.50	8.00
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.75	2.75	2.22
ROOSTERS lb.	1.50	1.60	1.54	ROOSTERS ea.	-	7.00	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	1.65	3.10	2.13	DUCKS ea.	-	11.00	-
RABBITS lb.	2.00	3.00	2.47	RABBITS ea.	2.50	3.00	2.79
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	3.25	4.50	3.88
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-	PEACOCKS ea.	-	-	-
PARTRIDGES ea.	-	-	-	COCKATEALS ea.	-	-	-
DOVES ea.	-	-	-	PHEASANTS ea.	-	-	-
QUAIL ea.	-	2.75	-	FERRETS ea.	-	-	-
CHINCHILAS ea.	-	-	-	MICE ea.	-	-	-
PEAFOWL ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	41						

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending Jan 13, 2012

	Whole		Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts				
RAYON						
Low	80.06	133.43	93.40	26.69	6.67	66.71
High	84.73	146.77	100.07	36.69	10.01	66.71
Mostly	83.39	146.77	96.73	33.36	6.67	66.71
SAN JUAN						
Low	81.06	133.43	90.06	26.69	6.67	66.71
High	83.39	143.43	100.07	33.36	10.01	66.71
Mostly	83.39	143.43	96.73	30.02	6.67	66.71
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	82.72	133.43	96.73	26.69	10.01	66.71
High	85.73	150.1	103.41	36.69	13.34	66.71
Mostly	83.39	146.77	100.07	33.36	10.01	66.71
BECERRA						
Low	83.39	133.43	96.73	30.02	10.01	66.71
High	86.73	150.10	106.74	43.36	13.34	66.71
Mostly	83.39	150.10	103.41	40.03	10.01	66.71

NATIONAL FOWL MARKET Jan 13, 2012

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 82 to 88 cents with a steady trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is mostly moderate for mid-week business. Offerings are light to moderate for current trade needs. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but reported as desirable. Processing schedules are moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts complex, wings are light. 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 from Delmarva.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	71-100
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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