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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending about steady in the East, steady elsewhere. Preliminary majority prices are unchanged in all areas when compared to early week prices. Offerings are light to moderate for current trade need. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate with some finding disappointing interest into retail and food service entering the weekend. Floor stocks are moderate to sometimes heavier than desired. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for late week business. Prices are trending steady to firm for bone-in breast and dark meat items. Wings are mixed ranging steady to weak. Boneless skinless breast and tenders are trending weak to lower and slow to clear. Offerings for parts cover the full range. Market activity is slow to 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 30-Jan-2012 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A MAJORITY	RANGE	AVG	WTD LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
New York	79.00-82.00			
Los Angeles	100.00			
Whole Body 2/				
Chicago	70.00-74.00	62.00-85.00	72.47	32
FOB Dock Equivalent 3/:				
Mississippi	82.00-86.00	72.00-90.75	83.32	21

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

The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 90.75 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
725	85.52 - 99.05	90.45

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	194.50	1,009
BREASTS - B/S	150.50	4,492
BREASTS - WHOLE	88.50	975
THIGH MEAT - B/S	117.50	861
THIGHS	71.50	705
DRUMSTICKS	69.50	734
LEG QUARTERS	53.50	5,173
WINGS	185.50	2,206

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

MIDWEST BROILER/FRYER Preliminary majority prices were unchanged from last week into Chicago. Whole bird prices are steady with offers light to moderate. Retail and food service demand is light to instances moderate. Floor stocks are balanced to long. Sizes desirable. Whole bird market activity is light to moderate at best. Supplies of wings balanced while breast cuts and dark meat items light to moderate. Prices trended barely steady to instances weak on wings and boneless breasts, steady to fully steady on bone in breast and steady on leg items. Parts market activity is light to moderate with wings interest beginning to slow.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER Prices are trending steady for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity for ready-to-cook whole broiler fryers increased slightly under normal weekend needs but still noted as light to moderate overall. Offerings of all sizes are at least sufficient for current needs. Trade activity is slow to moderate. In the parts complex, offerings of bone-in breast are light to moderate and clearing satisfactorily. Boneless skinless breast and tenders are available with light movement. Wings are moderate to heavy and most dark meat cuts are at least sufficient for current needs.

SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER Whole broiler/fryer prices are about steady. Offerings are moderate to satisfy trade needs. Demand entering the weekend is moderate with limited trading. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate. Prices are trending steady to weak for wings, weak to lower for b/s breast and weak for tenders. Dark meat parts prices are trending mostly steady. Offerings for wings, tenders and b/s breast are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate. Weights are mixed, but mostly desirable.

WESTERN BROILER/FRYER The Los Angeles preliminary majority is 100 cents, unchanged from last week. The market on whole fryers and WOGs is steady. Offerings light. Retail and foodservice demand light to moderate with some finding disappointing interest into retail and foodservice for the weekend. However, some improved interest is reported for foodservice where conventions are a factor. Floor stocks moderate to sometimes heavier than desired. Weights desirable. The market on boneless skinless breasts and tenderloins is weak with prices lower, wings mixed with prices mostly unchanged to higher except for late week negotiations, and bone-in breasts steady to firm with prices unchanged to higher for next week's shipments. The market on dark items is steady to weak, mostly steady for next week's shipments. Demand light to moderate. Offerings of wings light to moderate with jumbo sizes most available, bone-in breasts light, boneless skinless breasts and tenderloins moderate to moderately heavy with jumbo sizes held with the least confidence. Offerings of dark items light to moderately heavy, mostly light to moderate.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Less-than-trucklot asking prices are unchanged at 82 to 88 cents with an about steady trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is light to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings are moderate for current trade needs. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but reported as desirable. Processing schedules are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts complex, tenders and b/s breasts are mostly heavy. Bone-in breasts are light to moderate. Wings and most dark meat cuts are sufficient.

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	68-100
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	(A)
	01/23/12 - 01/27/12
	01/24/11 - 01/28/11
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
	01/23/12 - 01/27/12
	01/24/11 - 01/28/11
	(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 26, 2012

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	430	114.00-138.00	-	121.44
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)	511	48.00-50.00	-	49.45
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	822	49.00-52.00	-	50.71
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 26, 2012 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
55.50 - 59.00	58.23

January 27, 2012

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	WEEKLY POUNDS (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S		TOO FEW TO REPORT			2,150	122.92
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			1,035	146.24
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT			103	82.83
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT			213	66.80
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	520	48.00-50.00	-	49.54	2,842	49.63
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	720	49.00-52.00	-	51.28	3,748	50.82
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			162	179.86
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			111	114.06

 Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for January 27, 2012 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
55.50 - 59.00	58.36	58.13

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 are trending steady to firm for bone-in breasts and thigh meat; weak to lower for tenders and boneless skinless breast. Wings are steady to weak. Trucklot buying activity is light to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of bone-in breast are light to moderate and clearing satisfactorily. Tenders and boneless skinless breast are readily available and slow to clear. Wings are other dark meat cuts moderate to heavy for current needs. Movement is seasonally slow to moderate.

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

January 26, 2012

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS.
BREAST - B/S	150	130.16	821,920
TENDERLOINS	155	158.11	165,000
BREAST - WITH RIBS	89-90	102.24	50,611
BREAST - LINE RUN	89	91.18	74,584
LEGS	72-73	79.89	53,880
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	48-49	52.68	251,200
DRUMSTICKS	58-59	75.00	66,080
THIGHS	71-72	81.77	54,000
B/S THIGHS	125-126	125.94	92,720
WINGS (WHOLE)	184-185	193.37	213,520
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	8,579
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	54.21	7,260
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	75.00	11,880

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 27, 2012

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS.	WEEKLY WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS.
BREAST - B/S	145-150	130.08	547,440	130.76	3,567,800
TENDERLOINS	150-155	152.24	154,560	155.99	737,600
BREAST - WITH RIBS	89-90	103.68	35,587	100.91	276,027
BREAST - LINE RUN	89	90.61	59,400	91.26	347,247
LEGS	72-73	72.24	66,920	74.78	456,398
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	48-49	51.45	193,160	52.29	990,373
DRUMSTICKS	57-58	75.06	49,540	71.52	298,500
THIGHS	71-72	76.99	49,840	79.22	268,160
B/S THIGHS	125-126	124.48	61,000	123.41	431,720
WINGS (WHOLE)	182-183	195.54	175,056	193.58	973,376
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	9,100	18.00	39,482
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	51.49	10,800	51.78	48,310
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.21	9,440	74.18	72,480

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS

	ESTIMATED (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS	
	01/27	01/26	01/25	01/24	01/24	01/24	01/20	01/18		
Alabama	3,733	3,739	3,463	3,842	6.16	5.70	3,492	5.86		
Arkansas	3,542	4,771	4,463	4,643	5.75	5.66	3,737	5.59		
Delmarva	1,978	1,960	1,764	2,022	6.29	6.25	2,553	6.17		
KY-LA-TN	2,373	2,411	2,412	2,395	5.27	5.26	2,275	5.27		
Mississippi	2,805	2,861	2,873	2,825	6.16	6.17	3,240	6.15		
North Carolina	3,029	2,606	2,535	2,457	7.08	7.28	2,789	7.08		
Texas	2,192	2,106	2,221	2,414	5.98	5.93	2,551	5.88		
Total	19,652	20,454	19,731	20,598	6.07	5.97	2	0.637		
Mon-Fri	101,363 (A)						98,180 (A)			
Saturday	557 (included in total for date shown)						1,247			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 27-Jan-12 and 28-Jan-12 is estimated to be 29,402,000 head down 5.06 percent from a week ago and down 10.87 percent from a year ago. (Last week 30,968,000, last year 32,986,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 28-Jan-12 is estimated to be 151,767,000 head up 3.17 percent from a week ago, and down 6.42 percent from a year ago. (Last week 147,103,000, last year 162,184,000)

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	

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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 23-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	39,464	63,368	24,858	19,413	147,103
Avg Live Wgt	3.58	5.30	6.80	8.57	5.52
% of total /1	27%	43%	17%	13%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	32,200	69,744	34,507	17,471	153,922
Avg Live Wgt	3.75	5.26	6.73	8.57	5.65
% of total /1	21%	45%	23%	11%	100%
Year Ago 2/	38,530	69,696	29,102	26,249	163,577
Avg Live Wgt	3.72	5.39	6.71	8.33	5.80
% of total /1	24%	42%	18%	16%	100%
To date/2012*	102,246	193,083	84,477	56,434	436,240
To date/2011*	101,659	216,627	90,051	72,630	480,967

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 21-Jan-2012	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	147,103	1,797	1,615	3,412	469
Avg Wt	5.52	3.19	7.54	5.25	6.78
Last week	153,922	1,818	1,558	3,376	409
Same wk yr ago	163,577	1,338	1,455	2,793	467
Avg Wt	5.80	3.24	7.92	5.68	6.89
To-date/2012*	436,240	4,990	4,538	9,528	1,282
To-date/2011*	480,967	4,334	4,162	8,496	1,315
% Change YTD	-9%	15%	9%	12%	-3%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	609,006	2,981	8,220	11,201	2,289
Last week	652,244	3,025	7,719	10,744	1,905
Same wk yr ago	706,816	2,298	7,663	9,961	2,317
To-date/2012*	1,840,308	8,258	23,080	31,338	6,076
To-date/2011*	2,067,821	7,246	21,875	29,121	6,533
% Change YTD	-11%	14%	6%	8%	-7%

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 152.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 148.9 million head, or 4.0 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 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
14	155.8	150.3	104%	5.65
21	148.9	152.9	97%	5.52
Year to date	441.6	449.8	98%	
Jan 28		153.3		
Feb 4		153.3		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection (in thousands)

W/E	01/21/12	01/14/12	%chg	01/22/11	%chg
Broilers	151,767	147,103 ¹	+3.17	162,184 ¹	-6.42
Cattle	608	628	-03	654 ²	-07
Hogs	22671	2,221	-02	2,185 ²	-01

¹ Actual data incorporated when available.² Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.**EASTERN REGION MISC. POULTRY** Delivery Week of 23-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)	75.00-84.00	77.00-80.00
Vacuum Packed (6-9 per box)	77.00-85.00	78.00-81.00

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 continue steady. Demand is moderate to fairly good. Supplies remain moderate for current requirements. Market activity is moderate to active. Processing schedules are full-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 23-Jan-12

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

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION Date of Auction: 01/24/12

All Papers Required to Sell All Out of State Poultry

Prices Paid per lb., Except as Noted

	RANGE
Banty Hens	3.00 - 3.50 ea.
White Pigeons	6.00 - 7.20 ea.
Bunnies	2.00 - 3.00 ea.
Canaries	15.00 - 21.00 ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9LBS	.70 - .80 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11LBS	1.00 - 1.10 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6LBS	1.30 - 1.50 lbs.
Geese 9-14LBS	- 2.00 lbs.
Goats	- 150.00 ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.70 - 1.90 lbs.
Guinea Pigs	.50 - 1.50 ea.
Kid Goats	60.00 - 75.00 ea.
Leghorn Hens	.50 - 1.50 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.40 - 1.60 lbs.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.40 - 1.70 lbs.
Parakeets	- 5.00 ea.
Pekin Ducks	8.00 - 9.00 ea.
Pigeons	3.20 - 3.50 ea.
Pullets 4-6LBS	- 1.30 lbs.
Rabbits 6-9LBS	2.00 - 2.20 lbs.
Rabbits 4-6LBS	2.65 - 3.00 lbs.
Red Fowl 5-6LBS	.70 - .80 lbs.
Red Fowl 4-5LBS	.55 - .70 lbs.
Silkie	- 4.00 ea.
Broilers 5-7LBS	1.20 - 1.40 lbs.
Fancy Bantam	6.00 - 14.00 ea.
Goose Eggs	- 5.00 ea.
Laying Pullets	3.00 - 7.25 ea.
Gerbils	- .90 ea.
Total Coops Sold	2556

NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS**NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS****LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL**

Prices are trending at least steady when compared to the previous week. Supplies are sufficient for the mostly moderate demand. Processing schedules are noted as 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
	8.0 – 15.5	13.16

(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 steady for the light to moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are moderate. Processing schedules are noted as normal. Market activity is slow to moderate. The majority price for removal costs are 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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