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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending about steady in the East, steady to barely steady in the Midwest, and steady in the West. Final majority prices are unchanged in all areas when compared to last 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 heavy. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for early 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.

FINAL BROILER FRYER prices negotiated for trucklot sales of RTC broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers and FOB at major market areas (cents per lb) week of 30-Jan-2012

	Grade A		Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Wtd Avg	Loads
Delivered to First Receivers 1/:				
Boston/New England	TFEWR		78.60	13
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		74.69	17
Denver	TFEWR		89.80	10
Detroit	TFEWR		75.25	22
Los Angeles	100.00	98.26	23 : 89.36	51
New York	79.00-82.00	80.67	21 : 81.38	42
Philadelphia	78.50-80.00	79.33	12 : 78.74	25
Pittsburgh	78.00-81.00	80.09	11 : 83.00	54
St. Louis	TFEWR		73.98	17
San Francisco	100.50	98.81	8 : 92.30	22

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:

	Whole Body 2/:		Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Wtd Avg	Loads
Chicago	70.00-74.00		72.47	38

Composite Weighted Average 3/:

Loads	01/30/12	Change Last Wk	01/23/12	01/31/11
311	81.89	-1.15	83.04	75.05

WOG broiler 4/:

	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Eastern	81.00-84.00	83.11	32
Central	68.00-78.00	72.88	75
Western	79.00-87.00	82.75	34

FOB Dock Equivalent 5/:

Mississippi	82.00-86.00	83.32	21
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1/: Includes branded product. 2/: Whole Body category includes whole body birds with or without giblets, all grades, brands, and packaging. 3/: Includes all whole birds shipped into listed cities including Chicago. 4/: Delivered first receiver, trucklot and less than trucklot volumes. 5/: Southeast area

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

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.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
945	74.00-99.05	89.93

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed FINAL weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	195.00	1,700
BREASTS - B/S	151.50	7,468
BREASTS - WHOLE	88.50	1,460
THIGH MEAT - B/S	119.00	1,219
THIGHS	71.50	1,098
DRUMSTICKS	71.50	1,277
LEG QUARTERS	53.50	9,557
WINGS	186.00	3,735

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

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Prices are trending steady at best for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers is light to moderate as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Offerings of all sizes are fully sufficient for current needs. Trade activity is slow to moderate. In the parts complex, supplies of bone-in breast are light with good movement; boneless skinless breast and tenders are readily available and slow to clear. Wings and most dark meat cuts are sufficient for current needs.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYER Whole broiler/fryer prices are about steady. Offerings are moderate to satisfy trade needs. Demand following 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 at times 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 REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majorities are unchanged from last Monday's. The market is mostly steady on whole fryers and WOGs. Offers light. Retail and foodservice demand light to moderate and disappointing in some areas. Floor stocks moderate to heavy, mostly moderate. Sizes desirable. Parts supplies very light to mostly moderate. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average is 81.00 cents, up 1.93 cents on 22 loads. Trading: boneless skinless breasts 119-139, tenders 160-168, bone-in breasts 90-111, legs 68-85, leg meat 111-123, leg quarters bulk 52-61, 4-10 leg quarters 55-62, drums 56-70, thighs 62-86, thigh meat 122-132, wings 181-197 cents delivered.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS - Final majority prices are unchanged into the Chicago market; Ohio cities, Detroit and St. Louis are TFEWR. Whole broiler fryer prices trended barely steady to steady with offerings light to moderate. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate; fast food normal. Floor stocks are balanced. Sizes in a full range. Whole bird market activity is light to moderate. Supplies of wings and boneless breasts are balanced to instances long with the other parts light to moderate. Prices trended barely steady to weak on wings and boneless breast and steady on the balance of parts. Market activity for parts is light to moderate at best.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Less-than-trucklot asking prices are unchanged at 82 to 88 cents with an about steady to steady trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds ranged light to moderate as dealers assess current market conditions closing out the month. Offerings are moderate for current trade needs. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processing schedules are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts complex, wings are moderate to heavy. The balance of parts are light to moderate.

	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	68-101
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Prices are trending steady to firm for bone-in breasts; weak for tenders and boneless skinless breast. Wings are steady to weak. Trucklot buying activity is light to moderate as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Offerings of bone-in breast are light and clearing well. Tenders and boneless skinless breast are available for the lackluster buyer interest. Wings are moderate to heavy for current needs. 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 NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS.
BREAST - B/S	145-150	127.81	435,640
TENDERLOINS	150-155	152.09	153,320
BREAST - WITH RIBS	89-90	101.10	61,223
BREAST - LINE RUN	89	91.26	68,400
LEGS	72-73	74.66	92,640
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	48-49	51.87	203,360
DRUMSTICKS	57-58	74.96	45,760
THIGHS	71-72	84.74	43,160
B/S THIGHS	125-126	127.44	46,480
WINGS (WHOLE)	182-183	186.72	149,960
BACKS & NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	2,880
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	54.00	1,260
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.99	10,680

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (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

	Estimate (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wts	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wts
	01/30	01/26	01/26	01/23	01/19
Alabama	3,869	3,652	5.57	3,837	5.63
Arkansas	4,769	4,708	5.48	4,800	5.47
Delmarva	2,011	1,966	6.18	1,964	6.20
KY-LA-TN	2,428	2,401	5.11	2,442	5.26
Mississippi	2,832	2,865	6.11	2,859	6.14
North Carolina	2,651	2,473	7.07	2,503	7.01
Texas	2,457	2,138	5.84	2,356	5.86
Total	21,017	20,203	5.84	20,761	5.88
Mon	21,017(A)			20,761(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 30-Jan 2012 is estimated to be 31,444,000 up 0.93 percent from a week ago, and down 5.6 percent from a year ago. (last week 31,154,000 last year 33,310,000)

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	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	516	109.00-165.00	-	119.64
TENDERLOINS	262	115.00-187.00	-	143.36
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	631	47.00-50.00	-	49.71
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	602	50.00-52.00	-	50.90
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 30, 2012 -- F.O.B. DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
54.50 - 59.00	57.86	58.09

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.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER PARTS

ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, & WI WEEK OF 30-JAN-2012 TO 03-FEB-2012, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	110.00 - 134.00	115.00 - 129.00
TENDERLOINS	147.00 - 170.00	151.00 - 161.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	87.00 - 107.00	89.00 - 97.00
LEGS	65.00 - 73.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47.00 - 56.00	50.00 - 52.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	51.00 - 59.00	52.00 - 56.00
DRUMSTICKS	50.00 - 63.00	-
THIGHS	65.00 - 80.00	-
B/S THIGHS	119.00 - 131.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	178.00 - 189.00	184.00 - 189.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	17.00 - 40.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 49.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 59.00	-

CALIFORNIA PROCESSED POULTRY – cents per pound

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	103-121
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	103-122
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	

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	DRY PACK 113-185
	ICE PACK
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK 124
	ICE PACK
DUCKS	217-285

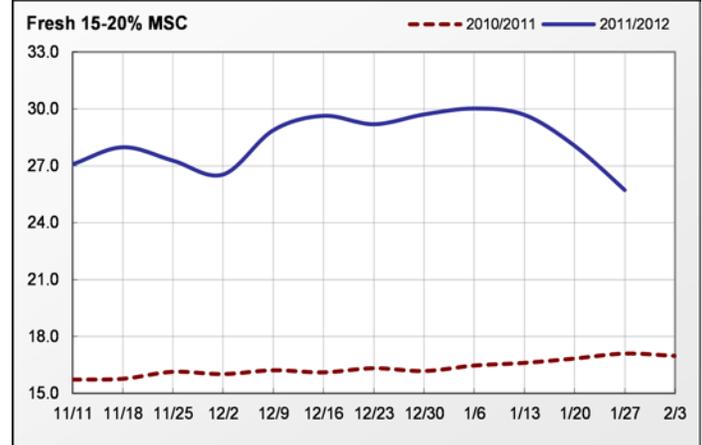
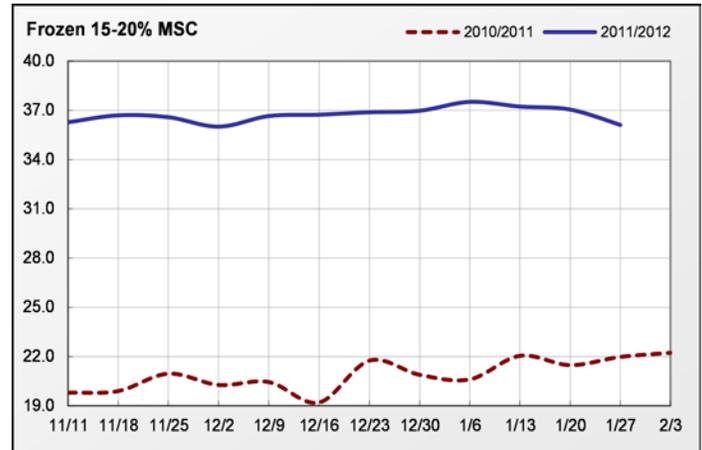
National Mechanically Separated Chicken

(FOB Shipper Dock or equiv., negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand lb. quantities, cents/lb.; delivery within 2 weeks.)

MSC prices for all fat contents trended steady to weak. Supplies were moderate to heavy. Schedules were normal. Domestic demand was light to moderate at best. Export demand was moderate to instances good. Interest on frozen 15-20% remained good into the Caribbean, Central America, and South America. The recent slowdown on the spot marketplace has been attributed to resistance and pushback at the retail level to the new higher priced finished goods. This reaction has created a trickledown effect resulting in fewer orders for finished products, larger inventories of finished goods, reduced contractual supply needs, and more spot MSC and frame availability. Additionally, Mexico has also slowed its buying. Many are monitoring the situation to see how it will react in coming weeks and respond accordingly. Market activity was slow to moderate. Supplies of raw materials were moderate. Spot frame trading noted between 13-16 cents FOB.

Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	27-Jan-12	Last Week	Last Year	27-Jan-12	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			-	29.00	31.00 - 32.00	18.00-19.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	29.00	31.75	18.50
Volume Traded	-	-	-	143	163	163
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	34.00 - 38.00	36.00 - 38.00	19.00-24.00	20.00 - 33.00	20.00 - 35.00	15.00-20.50
Wtd Avg Price	36.11	37.04	21.97	25.72	28.05	17.10
Volume Traded	1,504	1,832	1,082	2,864	4,141	3,918
Volume Exported	1,264	1,792	922	41	367	204
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.00	22.50	18.00-20.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.00	22.50	19.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	82	163
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

**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

Prices in cents per pound. 8.0 - 15.5 13.16

(Southeast Region broiler breeder hens generally for processing, 7 lbs. and up; under 7 lbs. subject to discount.)

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