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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending steady to instances firm 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 needs. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate entering the Super Bowl weekend with fast food demand normal to good. Floor stocks are balanced to heavier than desired. Market activity is slow to mostly moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for late week business. Prices are trending steady to weak for wings, steady for most dark meat items and bone-in breast. Tenders are trending weak 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 06-Feb-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	64.00-86.00	72.92	36
FOB Dock Equivalent 3/:				
Mississippi	82.00-86.00	73.00-90.75	83.62	19

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
726	85.53 - 99.04	90.32

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	194.00	976
BREASTS - B/S	149.00	4,460
BREASTS - WHOLE	89.00	943
THIGH MEAT - B/S	118.00	807
THIGHS	71.50	760
DRUMSTICKS	70.00	752
LEG QUARTERS	53.50	5,108
WINGS	183.50	2,142

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

MIDWEST BROILER/FRYER Preliminary majority was unchanged into Chicago and TFEWR elsewhere. Whole bird prices are steady with offers light. Retail and food service demand is light to instances moderate, fast food interest is strong. Floor stocks are balanced. Sizes are desirable. Whole bird market activity is light to moderate at best. Supplies of wings are balanced, boneless breast are moderate to heavy and dark meat items light to moderate. Prices trended barely steady to weak on wings and boneless breasts, steady on bone in breast and barely steady on leg items. Parts market activity is light to moderate with wings interest slowing.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER Prices are trending steady to instances firm for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity for ready-to-cook whole broiler fryers is moderate entering the Super Bowl weekend. Offerings of all sizes are sufficient for current needs. Trade activity is moderate. In the parts complex, offerings of bone-in breast are light to moderate and clearing well. Boneless skinless and tenders are available and slow to clear. Wings and most dark meat cuts are moderate for current needs.

SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady at best. Offerings are moderate with trading usually limited to regular commitments. Demand entering the weekend is moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate entering the Super Bowl weekend. Prices are trending steady for all parts except tender and boneless skinless breast. Tenders and boneless skinless breast are trending weak to lower and are slow to clear. Offerings of breast items are moderate to heavy, tenders weak. Wings and dark meat items are moderate. 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 delivered quote is 100 cents, unchanged from last Monday's final. The market on whole fryers and WOGs is steady. Offerings light to moderate. Retail demand light to moderate, instances good. Foodservice demand light to moderate, instances good. Floor stocks moderate to instances heavier than desired. Weights desirable. The market on boneless skinless breasts and tenderloins is weak with prices lower, bone-in breasts steady at best with spot weakness reported in response to lower trending offering prices and wings steady to weak with prices unchanged to lower for next week's shipments. The market on dark items is weak on drums with prices lower, leg meat steady to weak with prices unchanged to lower and the balance of prices mostly steady for next week's shipments. Demand light to moderate. Offerings of wings and bone-in breasts moderate, boneless skinless breasts and tenderloins moderate to heavy. Offerings of dark items moderate to moderately heavy, mostly moderate with leg quarter supplies more readily available into export channels. Movement light to moderate.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS 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 light to moderate entering Super Bowl weekend. Offerings are moderate for current trade needs. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processor schedules are moderate. Market activity is light to moderate. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts are light to moderate. The balance of items ranged moderate to heavy.

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	01/30/12 - 02/03/12	(A)
	01/31/11 - 02/04/11	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	01/30/12 - 02/03/12	(A)
	01/31/11 - 02/04/11	(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.

February 02, 2012

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	428	103.00-152.00	-	119.56
TENDERLOINS	174	132.00-178.00	-	147.47
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	-	48.83
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	642	50.00-52.00	-	50.94
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 February 02, 2012 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
56.50 - 59.00	57.99

February 03, 2012

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	WEEKLY POUNDS (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S		TOO FEW TO REPORT			2,325	118.14
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			816	147.52
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT			183	85.37
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT			255	66.94
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	351	48.00-50.00	-	48.85	2,711	49.23
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	497	49.00-52.00	-	50.83	2,692	50.88
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			71	182.00
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			167	196.00
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			80	49.10
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			104	113.03

 Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for February 03, 2012 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
56.00 - 59.00	58.02	58.02

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 for bone-in breasts, wings and most dark meat cuts; weak for tenders and weak to lower for boneless skinless breast. Trucklot buying activity is light to moderate entering the Super Bowl weekend. Offerings of bone-in breast are light to moderate and clearing satisfactorily. Boneless skinless breast and tenders are available for the light and unaggressive buyer interest. Wings and most dark meat cuts are sufficient 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.

February 02, 2012

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS.
BREAST - B/S	140	125.42	896,920
TENDERLOINS	145-150	148.97	237,420
BREAST - WITH RIBS	89-90	100.78	59,168
BREAST - LINE RUN	89	91.85	116,776
LEGS	72-73	71.17	129,920
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	48-49	53.34	235,680
DRUMSTICKS	55-56	71.87	69,120
THIGHS	71-72	82.16	50,640
B/S THIGHS	125-126	124.86	99,600
WINGS (WHOLE)	182-183	192.91	238,580
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	7,589
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	53.11	15,750
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	75.00	20,760

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.

February 03, 2012

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS.	WEEKLY WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS.
BREAST - B/S	135-140	124.83	620,520	127.04	3,277,120
TENDERLOINS	145-150	150.40	114,680	151.16	851,260
BREAST - WITH RIBS	89-90	102.72	47,720	101.17	284,917
BREAST - LINE RUN	89	91.60	70,459	91.57	400,660
LEGS	72-73	71.22	121,520	72.07	621,160
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	48-49	52.35	132,760	52.42	1,017,853
DRUMSTICKS	55-56	70.37	67,640	71.82	278,160
THIGHS	71-72	80.75	85,040	80.44	284,280
B/S THIGHS	125-126	118.71	152,480	123.28	462,560
WINGS (WHOLE)	182-183	190.70	133,040	189.91	887,380
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	6,680	18.00	30,632
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	51.88	8,070	52.60	46,530
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.25	22,400	73.36	99,400

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS

	ESTIMATED (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS		ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS
	02/03	02/02	02/01	01/31	02/01	01/31	01/27	01/25
Alabama	3,833	3,846	3,612	3,655	5.54	5.66	3,477	6.16
Arkansas	3,315	4,672	4,528	4,724	5.68	5.58	3,472	5.75
Delmarva	1,986	2,015	1,833	1,989	6.40	6.32	1,971	6.29
KY-LA-TN	2,381	2,434	2,441	2,454	5.26	5.30	2,345	5.27
Mississippi	2,790	2,827	2,822	2,821	6.11	6.12	3,084	6.16
North Carolina	2,520	2,626	2,183	2,558	7.45	7.24	2,838	7.08
Texas	2,438	2,413	2,274	2,391	5.99	5.90	2,392	5.98
Total	19,263	20,833	19,693	20,592	5.96	5.95	19,579	6.07
Mon-Fri	102,076 (A)						100,872 (A)	
Saturday	392 (included in total for date shown)						557	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 03-Feb-12 and 04-Feb-12 is estimated to be 28,820,000 head down 1.91 percent from a week ago and down 12.22 percent from a year ago. (Last week 29,380,000, last year 32,831,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 04-Feb-12 is estimated to be 151,246,000 head down 0.64 percent from a week ago, and down 3.43 percent from a year ago. (Last week 152,226,000, last year 156,612,000)

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 28-Jan-2012

(Preliminary)	-----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	33,951	65,931	26,592	25,752	152,226
Avg Live Wgt	3.75	5.46	6.78	8.60	5.84
% of total /1	22%	43%	18%	17%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/	43,754	73,031	21,838	23,561	162,184
Avg Live Wgt	3.80	5.46	6.68	8.33	5.59
% of total /1	27%	45%	13%	15%	100%
To date/2012*	136,197	259,014	111,069	82,186	588,466
To date/2011*	145,413	289,658	111,889	96,191	643,151

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.

WEEKLY POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(Preliminary) Week ending 28-Jan-2012

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	152,226	1,640	1,630	3,270	402
Avg Wt	5.84	3.19	7.69	5.43	6.91
Last week	147,103	1,797	1,615	3,412	469
Same wk yr ago	162,184	1,485	1,515	3,000	507
Avg Wt	5.59	3.18	7.98	5.60	6.89
To-date/2012*	588,466	6,630	6,168	12,798	1,684
To-date/2011*	643,151	5,819	5,677	11,496	1,822
% Change YTD	-9%	14%	9%	11%	-8%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	666,750	2,720	8,461	11,181	2,000
Last week	609,006	2,981	8,220	11,201	2,289
Same wk yr ago	675,423	2,503	8,040	10,543	2,515
To-date/2012*	2,507,058	10,978	31,541	42,519	8,076
To-date/2011*	2,743,244	9,749	29,915	39,664	9,048
% Change YTD	-9%	13%	5%	7%	-11%

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 153.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 154.1 million head, or 0.8 million more than estimated available. (B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update. *Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

EST. U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

Week ending	Million head Slaughtered	Million head Available*	Pct	Avg Wt
Dec 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
28	154.1	153.3	101%	5.84
Year to date	595.7	603.1	99%	
Feb 4		153.3		
11		153.0		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection (in thousands)

W/E	02/04/12	01/28/12	%chg	02/05/11	%chg
Broilers	151,246	152,226 ¹	-0.64	156,612 ¹	-3.43
Cattle	589	608	-03	627 ²	-06
Hogs	2,137	2,167	-01	2,059 ²	-06

¹ Actual data incorporated when available.² Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.**EASTERN REGION MISC. POULTRY**

For delivery the week of JANUARY 23, 2012

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	221-225	226-232
MIDWEST	195-210	200-214

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	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 PER 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 is moderate with supplies moderate for present trade requirements. Market activity is mostly moderate. Processing schedules remain 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 AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 30-JAN-2012

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

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

DATE OF AUCTION: JANUARY 31, 2012

PRICES PAID PER LB., EXCEPT AS NOTED

	RANGE
Banty Hens	3.50 - 4.00 ea.
White Pigeons	6.00 - 6.50 ea.
Broilers 5-6LBS	1.40 - 1.60 lbs.
Bunnies	2.00 - 3.00 ea.
Canaries	- 38.00 ea.
Chicks	.60 - .80 ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9LBS	.90 - 1.15 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11LBS	1.00 - 1.10 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6LBS	1.35 - 1.50 lbs.
Geese 9-14LBS	- 1.75 lbs.
Goats	- 110.00 ea.
Guinea Fowl	- 2.40 lbs.
Guinea Pigs	1.00 - 5.50 ea.
Leghorn Hens	.60 - .80 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.20 - 1.40 lbs.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.30 - 1.50 lbs.
Pheasants	8.00 - 25.00 ea.
Pigeons	2.90 - 3.40 ea.
Pullets 4-6LBS	- 1.50 lbs.
Rabbits 6-9LBS	2.20 - 2.50 lbs.
Rabbits 4-6LBS	2.85 - 3.05 lbs.
Red Fowl 5-6LBS	.95 - 1.10 lbs.
Red Fowl 4-5LBS	.90 - 1.00 lbs.
Silkie	- 4.25 ea.
Banty Roosters	4.75 - 6.00 ea.
Fancy Pigeons	10.00 - 22.00 ea.
Parrot	- 230.00 ea.
Game Rooster	10.00 - 27.00 ea.
Mandarin Ducks	38.00 - 52.00 ea.
Laying Pullets	3.25 - 4.00 ea.
Call Ducks	- 13.50 ea.
Total Coops Sold	2486

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

Prices are trending steady to instances firm when compared to the previous week. Supplies are sufficient for the mostly moderate demand. Processing schedules are noted as normal. Retail feature activity is moderate. Finished product supplies are at least sufficient. Market activity is moderate.

Final prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
	8.0 – 16.0	13.19

(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 mostly moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are sufficient. Processing schedules are 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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