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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending steady to firm in the West, firm to higher in the East and firm in the Midwest. Preliminary majority prices were unchanged in the West, 10 cents higher in the Midwest, and 5 cents higher in the East when compared to early week prices. Offerings of all sizes are in close balance and clearing well with premiums. Retail and food service demand is light to good, mostly moderate to good for current trade needs. Floor stocks are close balance to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate. Prices are trending steady for breast items and most dark meat items. Wings and tenders prices are trending weak to lower. Offerings for wings and tenders are moderate to mostly heavy. Breast items and dark meat items are mostly moderate. 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 13-Feb-2012 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A MAJORITY	RANGE	AVG	WTD LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
New York	84.00-87.00			
Los Angeles	100.00			
Whole Body 2/				
Chicago	80.00-84.00	79.00-80.00	83.03	38
FOB Dock Equivalent 3/:				
Mississippi	82.00-86.00	75.00-91.00	83.71	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 91.00 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	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG
722	85.54 - 99.05	90.44

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	192.00	1,041
BREASTS - B/S	147.50	4,524
BREASTS - WHOLE	90.50	1,007
THIGH MEAT - B/S	117.50	872
THIGHS	72.00	757
DRUMSTICKS	70.50	762
LEG QUARTERS	53.50	5,392
WINGS	183.00	2,265

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

MIDWEST BROILER/FRYER Preliminary majority prices were 10 cents higher into Chicago and TFEWR elsewhere. Whole bird prices are firm with offers light. Retail and food service demand is light to instances moderate, fast food interest is good. Floor stocks are closely balanced. Sizes are desirable to heavy. Whole bird market activity is light to moderate. Supplies of small wings are balanced, jumbo wings more available while 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 steady to instances firm on leg items. Parts market activity is light to moderate with wings interest slowing.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER Prices are trending firm to higher for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity for ready-to-cook whole broiler fryers is good entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes are in close balance and clearing well with premiums noted. Trade activity is moderate to mostly active. In the parts complex, offerings of breast items and most dark meat cuts are light to moderate. Tenders are available and wings are moderate to heavy with the larger sized wings readily available and slow to clear.

SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending firm to higher. Offerings are light for current trade needs. Demand is moderate to good entering the weekend. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for late week business. Prices are trending steady on parts with the exception of tenders and jumbo wings which are weak to lower. Offerings of tenders and jumbos wings are mostly heavy and slow to clear with discounting noted on jumbo wings. All remaining parts 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 preliminary majority is 100 cents, unchanged from last Monday's final. The market on whole fryers is steady to firm, mostly steady. The WOG market is firm with prices higher for next week's shipments. Offerings very light to light. Retail demand light to good, mostly moderate. Foodservice demand moderate to good, mostly moderate with some areas focusing on alternative proteins for early Valentine's Day activities. Floor stocks moderate. Weights desirable. The market on boneless skinless breasts is mostly steady; tenderloins, wings and bone-in breasts are steady to weak with prices unchanged to lower. The market on dark items is mostly steady mixed opinions reported on the strength of bone-in items. Demand light to good, mostly light to moderate. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts and tenderloins at least moderate, wings and bone-in breast moderate with jumbo sizes the most available. Offerings of dark items moderate to moderately heavy, mostly moderate. Some industry members found wings and drums less readily available as the week progressed while others hear of jumbo wings still looking for a home. Movement light to good, moderate.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Less-than-trucklot asking prices are 1 cent higher at 87 to 92 cents with a firm to higher trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is good entering the weekend. Offerings are closely balanced and clearing well with premiums noted. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but mostly desirable. Processing schedules are moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts complex, breast items and most dark meat cuts are moderate. Tenders and wings 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	68-102
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	02/06/12 - 02/10/12 (A)
	02/07/11 - 02/11/11 (A)
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	02/07/11 - 02/11/11 (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 09, 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) 601		48.00-50.00	-	49.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10) 789		49.00-52.00	-	50.56
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 09, 2012 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
56.50 - 59.00	57.92

February 10, 2012

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	WEEKLY POUNDS (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S		TOO FEW TO REPORT			1,779	117.55
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			780	144.21
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT			193	82.47
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT			280	66.71
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK) 744		48.00-50.00	-	48.51	3,312	48.97
LEG QUARTERS (4/10) 772		50.00-52.00	-	50.83	3,338	50.76
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			168	182.00
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			153	195.09
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			78	116.57

 Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for February 10, 2012 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
56.50 - 59.00	57.51	57.85

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 breast items and most dark meat cuts; steady to weak for wings and weak to lower on tenders. Trucklot buying activity increased slightly under normal weekend demand but still noted as light to moderate overall. Offerings of bone-in breast and most dark meat cuts are moderate and clearing. Boneless skinless breast and wings are moderate to heavy with the larger wings in the longest position; tenders are available and slow to clear. Movement is slow to moderate.

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

February 09, 2012

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS.
BREAST - B/S	135-140	120.43	888,581
TENDERLOINS	145-150	148.84	216,360
BREAST - WITH RIBS	89-90	98.91	34,240
BREAST - LINE RUN	89	90.92	68,570
LEGS	72-73	79.07	52,160
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	48-49	52.56	266,720
DRUMSTICKS	55-56	70.17	68,440
THIGHS	71-72	79.74	65,000
B/S THIGHS	125-126	124.47	106,760
WINGS (WHOLE)	181-182	189.98	253,200
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	5,609
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	53.18	11,520
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.84	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 10, 2012

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS.	WEEKLY WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS.
BREAST - B/S	135-140	122.81	578,000	122.41	3,552,366
TENDERLOINS	145	148.67	117,880	147.76	805,720
BREAST - WITH RIBS	89-90	102.74	55,995	101.61	232,702
BREAST - LINE RUN	89	83.45	144,022	88.77	444,347
LEGS	72-73	75.97	90,200	72.86	561,800
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	48-49	52.94	146,360	52.40	981,320
DRUMSTICKS	55-56	66.68	130,973	67.86	411,654
THIGHS	71-72	79.55	84,160	80.46	256,440
B/S THIGHS	125-126	123.48	78,800	124.71	441,600
WINGS (WHOLE)	181-182	190.97	153,120	190.54	952,120
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	7,590	18.00	29,917
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	51.00	11,220	52.10	53,880
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	72.98	28,240	74.12	102,960

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS

	ESTIMATED (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS	
	02/10	02/09	02/08	02/07	02/08	02/07	02/03	02/01	02/03	02/01
Alabama	3,717	3,751	3,442	3,805	5.68	5.69	3,700	5.54		
Arkansas	3,522	4,532	4,551	4,627	5.61	5.59	3,606	5.68		
Delmarva	2,035	1,820	1,996	1,984	6.23	6.31	2,186	6.40		
KY-LA-TN	2,395	2,389	2,382	2,418	5.27	5.20	2,308	5.26		
Mississippi	2,799	2,804	2,831	2,723	6.10	6.09	2,901	6.11		
North Carolina	2,521	2,634	2,632	2,670	7.20	7.16	2,433	7.45		
Texas	2,035	2,153	2,322	2,447	5.93	5.95	2,390	5.99		
Total	19,024	20,083	20,156	20,674	5.96	5.94	19,524	5.96		
Mon-Fri	100,535 (A)						100,842 (A)			
Saturday	111 (included in total for date shown)						532			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 10-Feb-12 and 11-Feb-12 is estimated to be 28,462,000 head down 2.85 percent from a week ago and down 25.62 percent from a year ago. (Last week 29,298,000, last year 38,268,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 11-Feb-12 is estimated to be 150,675,000 head down 0.59 percent from a week ago, and down 4.60 percent from a year ago. (Last week 151,562,000, last year 157,947,000)

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 04-Feb-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	33,089	65,155	29,729	23,589	151,562
Avg Live Wgt	3.67	5.42	6.74	8.57	5.79
% of total /1	22%	43%	20%	15%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/	42,590	67,287	20,574	26,161	156,612
Avg Live Wgt	3.75	5.50	6.64	8.26	5.63
% of total /1	27%	43%	13%	17%	100%
To date/2012*	169,286	324,169	140,798	105,775	740,028
To date/2011*	188,003	356,945	132,463	122,352	799,763/1

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 04-Feb-2012

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	151,562	1,221	1,530	2,751	400
Avg Wt	5.79	3.15	7.70	5.68	6.56
Last week	152,226	1,640	1,630	3,270	402
Same wk yr ago	156,612	1,325	1,355	2,680	434
Avg Wt	5.63	3.22	7.97	5.62	6.90
To-date/2012*	740,028	7,851	7,698	15,549	2,084
To-date/2011*	799,763	7,144	7,032	14,176	2,256
% Change YTD	-7%	10%	9%	10%	-8%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	658,158	2,000	7,952	9,952	1,889
Last week	666,750	2,720	8,461	11,181	2,000
Same wk yr ago	656,886	2,261	7,182	9,443	2,156
To-date/2012*	3,165,216	12,978	39,493	52,471	9,965
To-date/2011*	3,400,130	12,010	37,097	49,107	11,204
% Change YTD	-7%	8%	6%	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 153.4 million head, or 0.1 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 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
Feb 4	153.4	153.3	100%	5.79
Year to date	749.1	756.4	99%	
Feb 11		153.0		
18		152.4		

*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	150,675	151,562 ¹	-0.59	157,947 ¹	-4.60
Cattle	602	592	+02	639 ²	-06
Hogs	2,130	2,137	0	2,150 ²	-01

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

For delivery the week of FEBRUARY 06, 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)	75.00-89.00	78.00-84.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	80.00-90.00	80.00-85.00

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 Reported prices are steady to higher. Demand is moderate. Supplies are moderate for current trade needs. Market activity is mostly moderate. Processing schedules are full-time. Prices paid, first receivers for 10-18 oz boneless breast at \$7.70-8.80, bone in legs at \$3.05-3.55, gizzards at \$1.20-1.75, 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 06-FEB-2012

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	192-218	194-223

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

DATE OF AUCTION: FEBRUARY 07, 2012

PRICES PAID PER LB., EXCEPT AS NOTED

	RANGE
Banty Hens	3.00 - 3.25 ea.
White Pigeons	4.00 - 5.00 ea.
Broilers 5-7LBS	1.15 - 1.25 lbs.
Bunnies	2.00 - 6.00 ea.
Canaries	- 26.00 ea.
Chicks	.25 - .60 ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9LBS	.65 - .75 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11LBS	.90 - .90 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6LBS	1.20 - 1.30 lbs.
Doves	3.00 - 4.00 ea.
Geese 9-14LBS	- 1.80 lbs.
Goats	- 70.00 ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.90 - 2.10 lbs.
Guinea Pigs	.35 - 4.00 ea.
Kid Goats	25.00 - 40.00 ea.
Leghorn Hens	.60 - .75 ea.
Leghorn Roosters	- 3.00 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.20 - 1.30 lbs.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.20 - 1.35 lbs.
Parakeets	7.00 - 9.00 ea.
Pekin Ducks	- 8.00 ea.
Pheasants	7.00 - 12.00 ea.
Pigeons	3.00 - 3.60 ea.
Pullets 4-6LBS	- 1.15 lbs.
Quail	.90 - 1.50 ea.
Rabbits 6-9LBS	2.10 - 2.20 lbs.
Rabbits 4-6LBS	2.75 - 3.05 lbs.
Red Fowl 5-6LBS	.80 - .85 lbs.
Red Fowl 4-5LBS	.60 - .75 lbs.
Silkies	3.00 - 5.00 ea.
Turkeys	17.00 - 22.00 ea.
Banty Roosters	4.00 - 5.00 ea.
Peacock	- 105.00 ea.
Laying Pullets	- 3.25 ea.
Goose Eggs	- 5.00 ea.
Rats	.25 - 1.10 ea.
Total Coops Sold	3762

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 moderate for the mostly moderate demand. Processing schedules are noted as normal. Retail feature activity is light. Finished product supplies are sufficient. Market activity is moderate to active.

Final prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
	8.0 – 16.5	13.22

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