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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending fully steady to firm in the Midwest, firm to higher in the East, and steady to firm in the West. Final majority prices were unchanged in the West, 10 cents higher in the Midwest, and 5 cents higher in the East when compared to last 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 balance to tight. Market activity is moderate to mostly 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.

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 13-Feb-2012

	Grade A		Loads	Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg		Wtd Avg	Loads
Delivered to First Receivers 1/:					
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	82.93	14
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	82.17	14
Denver	TFEWR		:	91.60	10
Detroit	TFEWR		:	82.71	17
Los Angeles	100.00	97.55	22 :	90.05	73
New York	84.00-87.00	86.14	21 :	86.07	39
Philadelphia	83.50-85.00	84.64	11 :	84.67	26
Pittsburgh	83.00-86.00	85.31	13 :	86.79	58
St. Louis	TFEWR		:	81.41	15
San Francisco	100.50	99.31	8 :	89.98	27

	Whole Body 2/:		Loads	Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg		Wtd Avg	Loads
Chicago	80.00-84.00		:	83.63	46
Composite Weighted Average 3/:					
Loads	02/13/12	Change Last Wk	02/06/12	02/14/11	
339	86.31	4.32	81.99	75.39	

WOG broiler 4/:	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Eastern	86.00-93.00	92.56	34
Central	76.00-84.00	82.89	74
Western	85.00-91.00	88.27	36

FOB Dock Equivalent 5/:	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Mississippi	82.00-86.00	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/: 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 91.00 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
958	79.00-99.05	90.40

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	193.00	1,736
BREASTS - B/S	148.50	7,504
BREASTS - WHOLE	91.00	1,496
THIGH MEAT - B/S	119.00	1,221
THIGHS	72.00	1,102
DRUMSTICKS	72.00	1,277
LEG QUARTERS	53.50	9,546
WINGS	185.00	3,730

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

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Prices are trending firm to higher for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers is good as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Offerings of all sizes are in close balance and clearing well with premiums noted. Trade activity is moderate to active. In the parts complex, supplies of bone-in breast and most dark meat cuts are sufficient for current needs. Boneless skinless breast, tenders and wings are moderate to heavy with the larger wings noted as available and slow to clear.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYER Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending firm to higher. Offerings are light for current trade needs. Demand is moderate to good following the weekend. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for early 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 REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majorities are unchanged from last Monday's. The market is steady to firm on whole fryers and firm on WOGs. Offers light. Retail and foodservice demand moderate to good, mostly moderate. Floor stocks moderate. Sizes desirable. Parts supplies very light to mostly moderate. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average is 87.71 cents, up 7.27 cents on 24 loads. Trading: boneless skinless breasts 111-123, tenders 145-160, bone-in breasts 89-111, legs 67-85, leg meat 110-124, leg quarters bulk 52-61, 4-10 leg quarters 54-62, drums 55-64, thighs 63-81, thigh meat 120-127, wings 176-193 cents delivered.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS - Final majority prices are 10 cents higher into the Chicago market; Ohio cities, Detroit and St. Louis are TFEWR. Whole broiler fryer prices trending fully steady to firm with offerings light. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate; fast food is good. Floor stocks are balanced to tight. Sizes in a full range. Whole bird market activity is light to moderate. Supplies of heavy 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 1 cent higher at 88 to 93 cents with a firm to higher trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is good as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Offerings are in close balance and moving well for trade needs. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but reported as mostly desirable. Processing schedules are moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts complex, supplies ranged moderate to heavy.

	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	76-104
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Prices are trending steady for breast items and most dark meat cuts; steady to weak for wings and tenders. Trucklot buying activity is light to moderate as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Offerings of bone-in breast and most dark meat cuts are moderate and clearing satisfactorily. Boneless skinless breast, tenders and wings are moderate to heavy with the larger wings noted as 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

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS.
BREAST - B/S	135-140	123.02	589,360
TENDERLOINS	145	147.99	109,160
BREAST - WITH RIBS	89-90	104.02	59,451
BREAST - LINE RUN	89	91.37	65,035
LEGS	72-73	77.71	47,640
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	48-49	52.23	203,720
DRUMSTICKS	55-56	65.16	131,333
THIGHS	71-72	76.50	52,280
B/S THIGHS	125-126	126.18	57,960
WINGS (WHOLE)	181-182	183.27	152,720
BACKS & NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	10,240
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	51.38	11,340
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.90	20,400

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
	02/13	02/09	02/09	02/06	02/02
Alabama	3,860	3,658	5.65	3,621	5.60
Arkansas	4,630	4,507	5.59	4,681	5.49
Delmarva	1,920	1,811	6.06	1,845	6.19
KY-LA-TN	2,335	2,400	5.21	2,390	5.22
Mississippi	2,442	2,801	6.09	2,901	6.14
North Carolina	2,713	2,693	7.13	2,656	7.19
Texas	2,428	2,461	5.82	2,436	5.85
Total	20,328	20,331	5.90	20,530	5.89
Mon	20,328(A)			20,530(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 13-Feb 2012 is estimated to be 30,413,000 down 1.28 percent from a week ago. and down 5.2 percent from a year ago. (last week 30,807,000 last year 32,092,000)

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		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	-	49.14
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	774	49.00-52.00	-	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 13, 2012 -- F.O.B. DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
56.50 - 59.00	57.82	57.80

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 13-FEB-2012 TO 17-FEB-2012, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	108.00 - 126.00	110.00 - 116.00
TENDERLOINS	139.00 - 161.00	143.00 - 150.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	82.00 - 110.00	85.00 - 93.00
LEGS	65.00 - 73.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	46.00 - 56.00	50.00 - 52.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	51.00 - 59.00	52.00 - 56.00
DRUMSTICKS	51.00 - 59.00	-
THIGHS	61.00 - 80.00	-
B/S THIGHS	119.00 - 131.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	178.00 - 190.00	185.00 - 189.00
BACKS & 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	103-125
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	99-126
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	108-123
ROASTERS 4# & UP	128-140
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

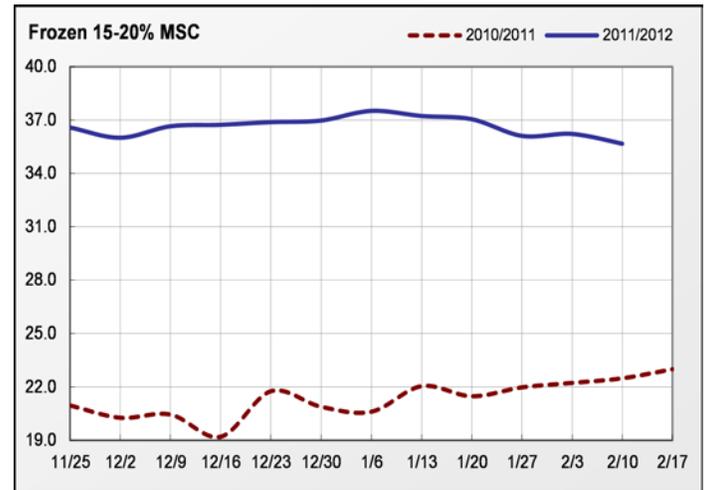
National Mechanically Separated Chicken

(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.)

Prices for all fat contents trended steady to weak. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Schedules normal. Domestic demand is light to moderate at best. Export demand is moderate. Frozen 15-20% MSC continues to capture most buyer interest, especially into export channels; however many suppliers are noting more resistance to current asking prices. The spot marketplace is sluggish and reflective of more traditional seasonal patterns. Higher priced finished goods continue to get resistance and pushback from retail levels, resulting in fewer orders, larger inventories of finished goods, reduced contractual supply needs, and more spot availability of MSC and frames. Suppliers reacted utilizing a variety of options. Some expect the marketplace to remain slow with some slight uptick in demand before the start of Lent in coming weeks. Industry maintains a close eye on things waiting to see when and where it will settle. Market activity slow to moderate. Raw material supplies moderate. Spot frames traded between 10.5-16 cents FOB.

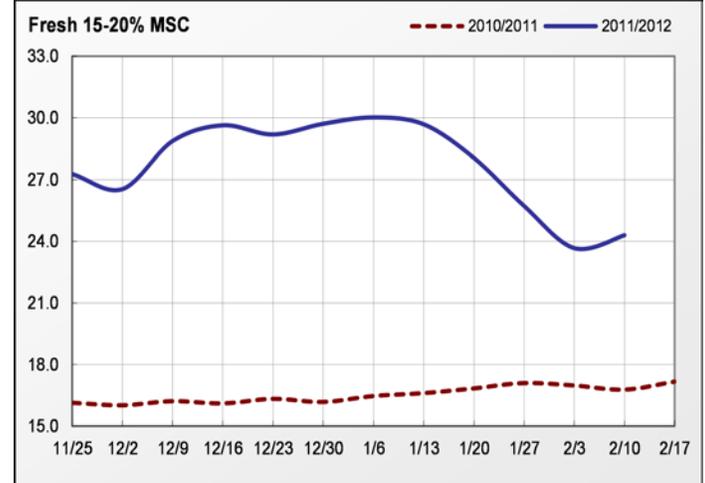
Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	10-Feb-12	Last Week	Last Year	10-Feb-12	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			-	27.00 - 28.00	27.00 - 28.00	18.00-20.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	27.83	27.67	19.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	245	122	82
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	30.00 - 38.00	34.00 - 38.00	21.00-24.00	20.00 - 33.50	21.00 - 29.00	15.00-20.50
Wtd Avg Price	35.66	36.22	22.48	24.30	23.67	16.78
Volume Traded	1,900	1,762	1,718	3,703	3,019	4,036
Volume Exported	1,619	1,602	1,478	653	367	408
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.50	22.00	18.00-20.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.50	22.00	18.67
Volume Traded	-	-	-	41	41	122
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Jan 2012	Dec 2011	Jan 2011	Jan 2012	Dec 2011	Jan 2011
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	31.81	31.89	18.48
Volume Traded	-	-	-	734	714	632
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	37.00	36.64	21.37	28.51	28.89	16.77
Volume Traded	6,795	6,422	4,805	14,390	19,182	14,210
Volume Exported	6,195	5,542	4,105	1,306	5,183	1,061
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.36	22.59	19.07
Volume Traded	-	-	-	286	449	612
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Note: Volume exported refers to that portion of the total volume that is destined for export markets.

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