



**NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE**



Whole broiler/fryer prices are holding steady. Offerings of all sizes are light to moderate. Retail and food service demand is mixed, mostly moderate, with fast food interest slowing in some areas. Floor stocks are balanced. Market activity is mostly light to moderate. In the parts structure, prices are trending steady for breast items, steady to at times firm for dark meat items, and barely steady to weak on wings. Supplies are moderate to heavy for wings, light to moderate for breast items and dark meat. Market activity is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

The Composite Weighted Average price for 02/20/12 is 90.28 compared to 86.31 a week earlier, and 76.88 a year ago.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK** The quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 cents to 91.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 85.50 cents last year on Feb. 23, 2011.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	184.50
BREASTS - B/S	146.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	91.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	123.00
THIGHS	71.50
DRUMSTICKS	64.00
LEG QUARTERS	54.00
WINGS	184.00

Information supplied by the GA Dept. of Ag's Poultry Market News Service.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Prices are trending steady for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity for ready-to-cook whole broiler fryers is moderate during mid-week trading. Offerings of all sizes are light to moderate for current needs. Trade activity is moderate. In the parts complex, offerings of boneless skinless breast are light to moderate; wings are available and slow to clear. Bone-in breast are moderate to heavy and dark meat cuts are sufficient for current needs.

**MIDWEST REGION** Whole bird prices are steady with offers more available than last week. Retail and food service demand is light to instances moderate, fast food interest is slowing. Floor stocks are balanced. Sizes are desirable to heavy. Whole bird market activity is light to moderate. Supplies of small wings are balanced to tight, jumbo wings more available while boneless breast are light to moderate while dark meat items mixed. Prices trended barely steady to weak on wings, steady on boneless breasts and bone in breast and steady to instances firm on leg items. Parts market activity is light to moderate with wings interest slowing.

**WESTERN REGION** The Los Angeles delivered quote is 101 cents, up 1 cent from last Wednesday. The market on whole fryers is steady to firm. The WOG market is steady. Offerings light to moderate. Retail demand light to moderate and slowing in some areas due to mid- month and the start of Lent. Foodservice light to good, mostly moderate with best interest where conventions are a factor. Floor stocks moderate. Weights desirable. The market on tenderloins, wings, boneless skinless and bone-in breasts is mostly steady with spot strength found on bone-in breasts. The market on dark items is mostly steady, except for leg meat which continues to show signs of strength for some. Demand light to moderate. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts and tenderloins moderate, bone-in breasts light to moderate, wings moderate to instances heavy. Offerings of dark items light to moderate. Movement light to good, mostly moderate.

**SOUTHERN REGION** Whole broiler/fryer prices are mostly steady. Offerings of all sizes are moderate to satisfy current trade needs. Demand into all channels is moderate. Market activity is moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for mid-week business. Prices for breast cuts and dark meat items are steady, but wings and tenders are steady to weak with discounting noted to help clear. Availability for breast items is light to moderate, dark meat is sufficient, and wings and tenders are moderate to heavy with limited movement. Market activity is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET DOWN 6 PERCENT**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 195 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 18, 2012. This was down 6 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 85 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

**BROILER-TYPE CHICKS PLACED DOWN 4 PERCENT**

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 161 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 18, 2012. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2012 through February 18, 2012 were 1.13 billion, down 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.

**BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED**  
**19 Selected State Total**

Week Ending 02/18/12	2012	2011	Percent Change Previous Year
	(thousand)		
Eggs Set	194,540	207,150	-06
Chicks Placed	161,307	167,473	-04
Selected States: AL, AR, DE, FL, GA, KY, LA, MD, MS, NC, OK, PA, SC, TX, VA, CA, MO, TN, & WV			
Source: USDA, NASS			

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING**

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 31-Mar-12 is estimated at 148.8 million head. This compares to 148.7 million head the previous week and to 158.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 160.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 84.19 cents per pound.

FEB 21

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

FEB 22

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	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S		TOO FEW TO REPORT			BREAST - B/S		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT			BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT			FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	644	48.00-50.00	-	48.81	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	591	46.00-50.00	-	48.30
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	599	50.00-52.00	-	50.94	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	722	49.00-52.00	-	50.53
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for F.O.B. Dock

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
57.00 - 59.50	58.33	55.50 - 59.50	57.99	58.32

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/FRYER PARTS** - Prices are trending steady for boneless skinless breast, tenders and most dark meat cuts; steady to weak for bone-in breast and weak to lower for wings. Trucklot buying activity is light to moderate for mid-week trading as dealers continue to assess market conditions. Offerings of boneless skinless breast and dark meat cuts are sufficient; bone-in breast and tenders are moderate to heavy with the jumbo sized wings noted in the longest position. Movement is slow to moderate.

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

FEB 21 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	FEB 22 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	135-140	121.71	810,920	BREAST - B/S	135-140	125.21	550,680
TENDERLOINS	140-145	144.58	239,360	TENDERLOINS	140-145	141.94	104,920
BREAST - WITH RIBS	88-89	102.86	50,406	BREAST - WITH RIBS	88-89	103.35	41,307
BREAST - LINE RUN	88	86.91	83,915	BREAST - LINE RUN	88	91.41	106,763
LEGS	72-73	75.09	177,880	LEGS	72-73	73.56	108,600
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	48-49	52.30	230,360	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	48-49	54.77	94,040
DRUMSTICKS	55-56	68.03	59,440	DRUMSTICKS	55-56	70.15	66,440
THIGHS	71-72	76.81	41,720	THIGHS	71-72	80.30	61,720
B/S THIGHS	125-126	126.52	98,280	B/S THIGHS	125-126	126.47	59,280
WINGS (WHOLE)	181-182	175.31	278,760	WINGS (WHOLE)	179-180	173.88	246,960
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	5,678	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	5,889
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	54.44	11,860	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	52.10	11,640
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	72.23	22,720	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.23	18,200

Includes New York City Metropolitan Area, Northern NJ, MA, CT, RI, & 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.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS**

	ESTIMATED (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS
	02/22	02/21	02/20	02/17	02/20	02/17	02/15	02/13	
Alabama	3,339	3,784	3,439	4,015	5.71	5.46	3,497	5.66	
Arkansas	4,507	4,590	4,674	3,782	5.58	5.27	4,703	5.68	
Delmarva	2,005	2,004	1,649	1,983	6.26	6.14	1,895	6.25	
KY-LA-TN	2,224	2,430	2,427	2,214	5.30	5.04	2,374	5.26	
Mississippi	2,846	2,819	2,828	3,004	6.09	5.90	2,873	6.36	
North Carolina	2,617	2,648	2,501	2,555	7.26	7.10	2,262	7.16	
Texas	2,364	2,430	2,446	2,392	6.07	5.88	1,977	6.06	
Total	19,902	20,705	19,964	19,945	5.97	5.77	19,581	5.99	
Mon-Wed	60,655	(A)					60,115	(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 22-Feb-12 is estimated to be 29,776,000 head up 1.34 percent from a week ago and down 2.75 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 29,383,000, last year 30,618,000)

**PROCESSED POULTRY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)**

Delivered to Retailers		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS		108-123
ROASTERS 4# & UP		128-140
DUCKS		
RABBITS-WHOLE		
RABBITS-CUT UP		
SAN FRANCISCO Delivered to Restaurants and Institutions		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	113-185
	ICE PACK	
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	124
	ICE PACK	
DUCKS		217-285

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

Under Federal Inspection for Week Ending 25-Feb-12

Class	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	02/25/12 (1)	02/18/12
	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	153,026 (2)	150,358
Light hens	1,310	1,678
Heavy hens	1,405	1,565
Total	155,741	153,601

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 25-Feb-12 is 152.9 million head compared to 159.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 153.3 million head or 0.4 million more than estimated available. For the week of 03-Mar-12 the estimated available is 152.5 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers**

(Including government stocks) (In thousands)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 02/20/12	120,061		48,131	
AM 02/01/12	101,459		52,594	
CHG	18,602		-4,463	
PCT CHG	18%		-8%	

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (In Thousands)**

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	02/20/12	02/13/12	02/21/11	02/20/12	02/13/12	02/21/11
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>	193	209	370	1,290	1,363	3,301
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	116	131	109	619	663	1,333

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

All Papers Required To Sell All Out of State Poultry

	LOW HIGH AVG			FOR 02/21/12		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	5.50	6.25 5.88
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	4.00 -
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	1.25	1.50 1.40
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	1.25	1.80	1.66	ROOSTERS ea.	-	10.50 -
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	22.00	32.00 27.00
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	2.50	4.10	3.38	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	4.25	8.00 5.01
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	9.00	9.50 9.25
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	.50	1.00	.75	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-	PEACOCKS ea.	-	-
PARTRIDGES ea.	-	-	-	COCKATEALS ea.	-	-
DOVES ea.	-	-	-	PHEASANTS ea.	-	-
QUAIL ea.	-	-	-	FERRETS ea.	-	-
CHINCHILAS ea.	-	-	-	MICE ea.	-	-
PEAFOWL ea.	-	-	-			

TOTAL COOPS 42

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY**

Cents per pound for the week ending Feb 17, 2012

	Whole		Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers/
	Chickens	Breasts	W/Thighs	& Wings	Gizzards
<b>RAYON</b>					
Low	92.16	177.24	102.80	31.90	7.09 102.80
High	93.93	187.87	116.98	42.54	10.63 102.80
Mostly	93.23	180.78	109.89	38.99	7.09 102.80
<b>SAN JUAN</b>					
Low	91.45	173.69	102.80	31.90	7.09 102.80
High	93.23	184.32	113.43	38.99	10.63 102.80
Mostly	93.23	177.24	106.34	35.45	7.09 102.80
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>					
Low	92.16	177.24	106.34	35.45	10.63 106.34
High	95.00	191.41	120.52	46.08	14.18 106.34
Mostly	93.23	184.32	113.43	38.99	10.63 106.34
<b>BECERRA</b>					
Low	93.23	177.24	106.34	35.45	10.63 106.34
High	95.71	194.96	124.06	49.63	14.18 106.34
Mostly	93.23	187.87	116.98	42.54	10.63 106.34

**NATIONAL FOWL MARKET Feb 17, 2012**

Ready-to-Cook

**Midwest Region Negotiated Prices to first Receivers**

(cents/lb. delivered to first receivers; US Grade A and plant Grade)

	Price Range
Ice Packed (12/box):	80.0 - 86.0
Vacuum Packed (6-9/box):	85.0 - 90.0

Midwest region = IL, IN, MI, MO, OH, and WI

**DELMARVA** Less-than-trucklot asking prices are unchanged at 92 to 97 cents with a steady to firm trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is moderate to good for mid-week business. Offerings of all sizes are light to moderate. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processing schedules are moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts complex, b/s breasts and most dark meat cuts are sufficient. 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	71-107
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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