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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending steady to instances firm in the East, steady in the Midwest, and steady to firm in the West. Preliminary majority prices are 1 cent higher in the West, 2 cents lower in the Midwest and unchanged in the East when compared to early week prices. Offerings are light to moderate and moving well. Retail and food service demand is light to good, mostly moderate entering the weekend. Floor stocks are balanced. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for late week business. Prices are trending firm to higher for boneless skinless breast, steady to weak for wings, and steady for dark meat items and whole breast. Offerings are moderate to heavy for jumbo wings, but light to moderate for smaller sizes. Tenders are moderate to heavy and all other parts are available. Market activity is 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 27-Feb-2012 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A MAJORITY	RANGE	AVG	WTD LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
New York	89.00-92.00			
Los Angeles	101.00			
Whole Body 2/ Chicago	88.00-92.00	81.00-94.25	88.70	37
FOB Dock Equivalent 3/:				
Mississippi	85.00-89.00	83.00-95.00	87.07	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

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER** Prices are trending steady to firm for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity for ready-to-cook whole broiler fryers is moderate to good entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes are light to moderate for current needs. Trade activity is moderate to active. In the parts complex, offerings of boneless skinless breast are in good balance and clearing satisfactorily; bone-in breast and wings are moderate to heavy. Dark meat cuts are sufficient for current needs.

**SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER** Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady. Offerings of all sizes are sufficient for current trade needs. Demand into all channels is moderate entering the weekend. Market activity is moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for late week business. Prices are lower for jumbo wings, but steady for small sizes. Boneless skinless breast are trending firm to higher with good movement. Wings prices are trending steady to weak with larger wings in the weakest position. Remaining parts are mostly steady. Offerings of wings and tenders are moderate to heavy, b/s breast are light to moderate, and dark meat cuts are moderate. Market activity is moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mostly desirable weights.

### GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 91.50 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
727	85.61 - 99.10	90.87

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	188.50	955
BREASTS - B/S	149.50	4,338
BREASTS - WHOLE	91.00	891
THIGH MEAT - B/S	123.00	757
THIGHS	71.50	735
DRUMSTICKS	70.50	729
LEG QUARTERS	54.00	5,260
WINGS	183.00	2,137

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

**MIDWEST BROILER/FRYER** Preliminary majority was 2 cents lower into Chicago from Tuesday close. Whole bird prices are steady with offers adequate for current needs. 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 at best. Supplies of small wings are balanced to tight, jumbo wings readily available while boneless breast are light to moderate and dark meat items mixed. Prices trended barely steady to weak on wings, firm on boneless breasts, steady bone in breast and steady to instances firm on leg items. Parts market activity is light to moderate with wings interest fair.

**WESTERN BROILER/FRYER** The Los Angeles delivered majority is 101 cents, 1 cent higher than last Monday's final. The market on whole fryers is steady to firm. The WOG market is steady. Offerings light to moderate. Retail demand light to good, mostly moderate. Foodservice demand light to good, mostly moderate. Floor stocks light to moderate. Weights desirable. The market on boneless skinless breasts and bone-in breasts is steady to firm with prices unchanged to higher, tenderloins steady with increased confidence reported and wings steady to weak. The market on dark items is steady to firm with prices unchanged to higher for next week. Demand light to good, mostly moderate. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts, bone-in breasts and tenderloins light to moderate; wings moderate to moderately heavy. Offerings of dark items light to moderate. Movement light to good, mostly moderate.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Less-than-trucklot asking prices are unchanged at 92 to 97 cents with a steady trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes ranged light to moderate for present trade needs. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but noted as desirable. Processing schedules are moderate. Market activity is moderate. In the parts complex, b/s breasts and dark meat cuts are light to moderate. Wings are moderate to heavy with the jumbo sizes in the longest position.

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	68-109
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	(A)
	02/20/12 - 02/24/12
	02/21/11 - 02/25/11
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
	02/20/12 - 02/24/12
	02/21/11 - 02/25/11
	(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 23, 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)	591	48.00-50.00	-	48.70
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	842	49.00-52.00	-	50.60
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		

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 Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for February 23, 2012 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
56.50 - 59.50	58.73

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.

February 24, 2012

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	WEEKLY POUNDS (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S		TOO FEW TO REPORT			1,457	118.67
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			574	143.71
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT			168	67.96
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	601	47.00-50.00	-	48.34	2,427	48.54
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	864	49.00-52.00	-	50.29	3,027	50.56
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			317	179.36
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			100	121.25

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 Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for February 24, 2012 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
55.50 - 59.50	57.84	58.22

**NORTHEAST BROILER PARTS** Prices are trending firm to higher for boneless skinless; steady for tenders, bone-in breast and most dark meat cuts; steady to weak for wings. Trucklot buying activity improved slightly under normal weekend demand and noted as moderate overall. Offerings of boneless skinless breast is light to moderate and clearing well; dark meat cuts are moderate and bone-in breast and tenders are moderate to heavy for current needs. Movement is moderate.

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

February 23, 2012

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS.
BREAST - B/S	135-140	121.70	784,360
TENDERLOINS	140-145	147.80	177,160
BREAST - WITH RIBS	88-89	101.34	75,707
BREAST - LINE RUN	88	91.36	68,225
LEGS	72-73	71.92	137,320
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	48-49	53.49	251,120
DRUMSTICKS	55-56	70.62	34,200
THIGHS	71-72	79.59	49,560
B/S THIGHS	125-126	126.05	120,440
WINGS (WHOLE)	177-178	177.48	252,640
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	4,789
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	52.30	8,610
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.14	11,280

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 24, 2012

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS.	WEEKLY WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS.
BREAST - B/S	140	121.71	646,720	122.34	3,267,760
TENDERLOINS	140-145	145.49	99,200	145.71	703,280
BREAST - WITH RIBS	88-89	105.03	37,298	103.15	251,605
BREAST - LINE RUN	88	91.18	67,023	90.45	380,425
LEGS	72-73	73.67	70,600	74.35	541,960
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	48-49	51.98	191,000	53.04	927,640
DRUMSTICKS	55-56	71.37	60,200	68.26	321,253
THIGHS	71-72	79.58	51,760	79.92	250,400
B/S THIGHS	125-126	125.03	102,800	126.06	423,800
WINGS (WHOLE)	177-178	176.00	168,300	176.69	1,113,620
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	5,678	18.00	28,913
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	51.70	6,900	52.09	48,700
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.07	17,680	73.77	83,720

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS**

	ESTIMATED (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS	
	02/24	02/23	02/22	02/21	02/21	02/22	02/21	02/17	02/15	
Alabama	4,089	3,798	3,452	3,536	5.65	5.63	4,015	5.69		
Arkansas	3,430	4,460	4,488	4,661	5.61	5.56	3,782	5.50		
Delmarva	2,309	1,840	2,001	2,012	6.17	6.33	1,983	6.22		
KY-LA-TN	2,198	2,407	2,195	2,427	5.12	5.30	2,214	5.25		
Mississippi	2,778	2,814	2,809	2,760	6.07	6.08	3,004	6.07		
North Carolina	2,631	2,688	2,600	2,545	7.10	7.18	2,555	7.30		
Texas	2,072	2,398	2,381	2,442	6.03	6.04	2,392	5.92		
Total	19,507	20,405	19,926	20,383	5.93	5.95	19,945	5.91		
Mon-Fri	100,567 (A)						100,674 (A)			
Saturday	542 (included in total for date shown)						111			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 24-Feb-12 and 25-Feb-12 is estimated to be 29,185,000 head down 2.49 percent from a week ago and down 1.27 percent from a year ago. (Last week 29,929,000, last year 29,561,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 25-Feb-12 is estimated to be 150,250,000 head down 0.16 percent from a week ago, and down 4.60 percent from a year ago. (Last week 150,497,000, last year 157,502,000)

Actual data incorporated when available.

**CALIFORNIA PROCESSED POULTRY** (cents per pound)

**SOUTHERN (LOS ANGELES AREA)**

delivered to retailers		<b>Range</b>
FRESH FRYERS		108-123
ROASTERS 4# & UP		128-140
DUCKS		
RABBITS-WHOLE		
RABBITS-CUT UP		

**SAN FRANCISCO**

delivered to restaurants & institutions		<b>Range</b>
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 18-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	37,375	62,336	28,368	22,418	150,497
Avg Live Wgt	3.75	5.39	6.78	8.43	5.70
% of total /1	25%	41%	19%	15%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	32,947	64,275	26,376	26,227	149,825
Avg Live Wgt	3.86	5.33	6.64	8.59	5.81
% of total /1	22%	43%	18%	17%	100%
Year Ago 2/	35,606	72,335	28,777	25,459	162,177
Avg Live Wgt	3.84	5.32	6.74	8.26	5.71
% of total /1	22%	44%	18%	16%	100%
To date/2012*	239,608	450,780	195,542	154,420	1,040,350
To date/2011*	259,922	504,014	186,126	169,825	1,119,887

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 18-Feb-2012

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	150,497	1,574	1,615	3,189	401
Avg Wt	5.70	3.15	7.46	5.33	6.70
Last week	149,825	1,465	1,601	3,066	432
Same wk yr ago	162,177	1,440	1,633	3,073	462
Avg Wt	5.71	3.27	7.93	5.75	6.82
To-date/2012*	1,040,350	10,890	10,914	21,804	2,917
To-date/2011*	1,119,887	10,002	10,222	20,224	3,151
% Change YTD	-7%	9%	7%	8%	-7%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	643,375	2,578	8,132	10,710	1,934
Last week	652,862	2,522	8,505	11,027	2,012
Same wk yr ago	689,893	2,496	8,612	11,108	2,269
To-date/2012*	4,461,453	18,078	56,130	74,208	13,911
To-date/2011*	4,756,038	16,791	54,044	70,835	15,609
% Change YTD	-6%	8%	4%	5%	-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 152.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 152.3 million head, or 0.1 million less 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
Jan 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
11	151.6	153.0	99%	5.81
18	152.3	152.4	100%	5.70
Year to date	1053.0	1061.8	99%	
Feb 25		152.9		
Mar 3		152.5		

\*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

**BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

Under Federal Inspection (in thousands)

W/E	02/25/12	02/18/12	%chg	02/26/11	%chg
<b>Broilers</b>	150,250	150,497 <sup>1</sup>	-0.16	157,502 <sup>1</sup>	-4.60
<b>Cattle</b>	592	616	-04	655 <sup>2</sup>	-10
<b>Hogs</b>	2,120	2,149	-01	2,107 <sup>2</sup>	+01

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

For delivery the week of FEBRUARY 20, 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)	79.00-92.00 85.00-87.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	82.00-94.00 86.00-89.00

**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 &amp; WV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS** Prices remain steady. Demand is seasonal and reported as light to moderate. Supplies are moderate for current trade requirements. Market activity is 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 20-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 21, 2012

PRICES PAID PER LB., EXCEPT AS NOTED

	RANGE
Banty Hens	3.00 - 4.00 ea.
White Pigeons	5.50 - 5.75 ea.
Broilers 5-7LBS	1.15 - 1.20 lbs.
Bunnies	4.00 - 9.00 ea.
Canaries	18.00 - 20.00 ea.
Chicks	.25 - .35 ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9LBS	.80 - .90 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11LBS	1.10 - 1.20 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6LBS	1.60 - 1.90 lbs.
Geese 9-14LBS	1.80 - 1.90 lbs.
Goats	- 75.00 ea.
Guinea Fowl	2.20 - 2.40 lbs.
Guinea Pigs	1.00 - 4.00 ea.
Kid Goats	60.00 - 65.00 ea.
Leghorn Hens	1.60 - 2.00 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.25 - 1.60 lbs.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.40 - 1.70 lbs.
Pekin Ducks	- 8.50 ea.
Pheasants	9.00 - 17.00 ea.
Pigeons	4.10 - 4.50 ea.
Pullets 4-6LBS	- 1.15 lbs.
Quail	1.50 - 2.00 ea.
Rabbits 6-9LBS	2.60 - 2.80 lbs.
Rabbits 4-6LBS	2.80 - 3.05 lbs.
Red Fowl 5-6LBS	.75 - 1.00 lbs.
Red Fowl 4-5LBS	.65 - .80 lbs.
Silkie	3.00 - 7.00 ea.
Turkeys	17.00 - 22.00 ea.
Banty Roosters	5.00 - 6.00 ea.
Goose Eggs	4.70 - 5.00 ea.
Fancy Pigeons	21.00 - 31.00 ea.
Fancy Bantams	9.00 - 14.00 ea.
Total Coops Sold	1841

**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 moderate demand. Processing schedules are noted as normal as the Lenten period began. Retail feature activity is light to moderate. Finished product supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate to active.

**Final prices at Farm Buyer Loading:**

Price Range	Wtd Avg
8.5 – 17.5	13.27

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

**LIVE SPENT LIGHT FOWL**

Prices continue to trend steady for the light to moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are moderate. Processing schedules are 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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