



NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending steady to firm in the East, steady to fully steady in the Midwest, and steady in the West. Offerings are in good balance and clearing well under normal premiums. Retail demand is light to moderate for mid-week business. Food service demand is light to good, mostly moderate. Floor stocks are balanced to tight. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts structure, movement is moderate for end of the month business. Prices are trending firm to higher for breast items and tenders with good movement. Prices for wings are steady, and dark meat items are steady to firm with thigh meat in the best position and increased interest note for leg quarters. Offerings are light for breast items and tenders, light to moderate for dark meat items, and moderate for wings. Market activity is moderate to active. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK The quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 cents to 91.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 85.75 cents last year on Mar. 02, 2011.

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

Table with 2 columns: ITEM, DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND). Rows include LINE RUN TENDERS, BREASTS - B/S, BREASTS - WHOLE, THIGH MEAT - B/S, THIGHS, DRUMSTICKS, LEG QUARTERS, WINGS.

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

NORTHEAST REGION Prices are trending steady to firm for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity for ready-to-cook whole broiler fryers is moderate to instances good for mid-week trading. Offerings of all sizes are in good balance and clearing well under normal premiums. Trade activity is moderate to active. In the parts complex, offerings of breast items and tenders are in good balance and moving well; dark meat cuts are light to moderate with legs and leg quarters in the better balance. Wings are sufficient for current needs.

MIDWEST REGION Whole bird prices are fully steady to firm with offers close for current needs. Retail and food service demand is light to instances moderate, fast food interest is normal. Floor stocks are balanced to tight. Sizes are desirable to heavy. Whole bird market activity is light to moderate. Supplies of small wings are balanced to tight, jumbo wings balanced while boneless breast are light to moderate and dark meat items mixed. Prices trended steady 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.

WESTERN REGION The Los Angeles delivered quote is 101 cents, unchanged from last Wednesday. The market on whole fryers is mostly steady WOGs steady to firm. Offerings light to moderate. Retail demand light to moderate. Foodservice demand light to good, mostly light to moderate. Some are finding increased buyer demand as they try to beat future price increases. Floor stocks moderate. Weights desirable. The market on boneless skinless breasts, bone-in breasts and tenderloins is steady to firm with offering prices unchanged to higher; wings steady. The market on dark items is steady to firm with some holding leg quarters with more confidence. Demand light to mostly moderate. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts, bone-in breasts and tenderloins light to moderate; wings moderate. Offerings of dark items light to moderate. Movement light to good, mostly light to moderate.

SOUTHERN REGION Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady to firm. Offerings of all sizes are light to moderate to satisfy current trade needs. Demand into all channels is moderate approaching end of the month business. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts structure, movement is moderate. Boneless skinless breast and tenders are trending firm to higher and moving well. Whole breast are firm, wings are steady and dark meat items are steady to firm. Offerings are light for breast items and tenders, wings are moderate and dark meat items are light to moderate with thigh meat in the best position. Market activity is moderate to active. 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 25, 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 5 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 160 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 25, 2012. Placements were down 5 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2012 through February 25, 2012 were 1.29 billion, down 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

Table with 4 columns: Week Ending 02/25/12, 2012, 2011, Percent Change Previous Year. Rows include Eggs Set, Chicks Placed, 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 07-Apr-12 is estimated at 148.1 million head. This compares to 148.8 million head the previous week and to 157.8 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 164.5 million head and the composite weighted average price was 81.61 cents per pound.

FEB 28

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

FEB 29

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			WTD AVG	ITEM	POUNDS			WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY			(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	
BREAST - B/S	422	114.00-164.00	-	122.41	BREAST - B/S		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
TENDERLOINS	187	138.00-191.00	-	151.07	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)	766	45.00-50.00	-	47.72	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	615	47.00-50.00	-	48.13
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	687	49.00-52.00	-	50.55	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	707	49.00-52.00	-	50.52
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 - 60.50	59.33	56.00 - 59.50	57.80	58.24

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 firm to higher for breast items and tenders; steady to firm for thigh meat and mostly steady for wings and most dark meat cuts. Trucklot buying activity is moderate for mid-week trading. Offerings of tenders and breast cuts are light and moving well; dark meat cuts and wings are sufficient for current needs. Movement is moderate to active.

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

FEB 28 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	FEB 29 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	123.50	907,440	BREAST - B/S	145-150	126.18	628,160
TENDERLOINS	145-150	146.24	250,480	TENDERLOINS	145-150	142.61	125,960
BREAST - WITH RIBS	88-89	102.45	55,240	BREAST - WITH RIBS	89-90	103.90	37,647
BREAST - LINE RUN	88	91.73	67,088	BREAST - LINE RUN	89	87.23	149,389
LEGS	72-73	70.70	169,960	LEGS	72-73	72.58	93,400
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	48-49	52.23	265,120	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	48-49	52.20	103,760
DRUMSTICKS	55-56	70.17	72,800	DRUMSTICKS	55-56	67.50	37,240
THIGHS	71-72	77.23	64,000	THIGHS	71-72	76.07	38,080
B/S THIGHS	125-126	126.24	111,800	B/S THIGHS	126-127	125.65	85,000
WINGS (WHOLE)	177-178	167.78	249,160	WINGS (WHOLE)	177-178	176.49	209,400
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	6,250	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	5,718
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	50.00	12,060	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	53.00	1,860
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	73.95	16,320	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	73.18	20,280

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		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL		AVG WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Alabama	3,679	3,781	3,626	3,566	5.65	5.31	3,452	5.71	
Arkansas	4,338	4,641	4,616	3,435	5.60	5.29	4,488	5.58	
Delmarva	2,055	2,045	1,738	1,988	6.42	6.07	2,001	6.26	
KY-LA-TN	2,371	2,165	2,378	2,413	5.28	5.04	2,195	5.30	
Mississippi	2,857	2,841	2,817	2,703	6.13	5.90	2,809	6.09	
North Carolina	2,557	2,649	2,146	2,652	7.24	6.99	2,600	7.26	
Texas	2,433	2,397	2,385	2,225	6.04	5.75	2,381	6.07	
Total	20,290	20,519	19,706	18,982	5.95	5.72	19,926	5.97	
Mon-Wed	61,321	(A)					60,273	(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 29-Feb-12 is estimated to be 30,356,000 head up 1.52 percent from a week ago and down 5.45 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 29,901,000, last year 32,106,000)

**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 03-Mar-12

Class	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	03/03/12 (1)	02/25/12
	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	152,636 (2)	153,026
Light hens	1,478	1,310
Heavy hens	1,472	1,405
Total	155,586	155,741

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 03-Mar-12 is 152.5 million head compared to 161.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 152.9 million head or 0.4 million more than estimated available. For the week of 10-Mar-12 the estimated available is 151.4 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers**

(Including government stocks) (In thousands)

PROCESSED TURKEYS		PROCESSED POULTRY
LBS		LBS
AM	02/27/12	127,019
AM	02/01/12	101,459
CHG		25,560
PCT CHG		25%
		48,950
		52,594
		-3,44
		-7%

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (In Thousands)**

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	02/27/12	02/20/12	02/28/11	02/27/12	02/20/12	02/28/11
<b>PACIFIC COAST LOS ANGELES</b>	210	193	363	1,177	1,290	7,781
	139	116	103	594	619	1,695

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

All Papers Required To Sell All Out of State Poultry

	LOW HIGH AVG			FOR 02/28/12		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.95	1.05	.99	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.40	.70 .49
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	3.00	3.25 3.15
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	2.75	3.40	3.08	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	3.50	7.50 5.35
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	7.00	9.00 8.00
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	.50	.75	.63	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 47

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY**

Cents per pound for the week ending Feb 24, 2012

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	91.69	158.69	98.74	35.27	7.05	98.74
High	95.22	169.27	116.38	49.37	10.58	98.74
Mostly	95.22	162.22	109.32	42.32	7.05	98.74
<b>SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	91.69	155.17	95.22	31.74	7.05	98.74
High	94.16	165.75	112.85	45.84	10.58	98.74
Mostly	94.16	158.69	105.80	38.79	7.05	98.74
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	93.45	162.22	102.27	38.79	10.58	102.27
High	96.98	172.80	119.90	52.90	14.11	102.27
Mostly	95.22	165.75	112.85	45.84	10.58	102.27
<b>BECERRA</b>						
Low	94.51	165.75	105.80	42.32	10.58	102.27
High	98.74	176.33	123.43	56.42	14.11	102.27
Mostly	95.22	169.27	116.38	52.90	10.58	102.27

**NATIONAL FOWL MARKET Feb 24, 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 for end of the month business. Offerings of all sizes are light to moderate for trade needs. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processor schedules are moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts complex, b/s breasts and tenders are light and moving well. Dark meat cuts, wings, and bone-in are moderate.

\*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	74-109
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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