



NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending firm to higher in the East, steady to firm in the West, and firm in the Midwest. Offerings are light and moving well with premiums noted. Retail and food service demand cover the full range, light to good, mostly moderate to good for current trade needs.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK The quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .75 cents to 92.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 86.00 cents last year on Mar. 09, 2011.

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

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

NORTHEAST REGION Prices are trending firm to higher for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity for ready-to-cook whole broiler fryers is good for mid-week trading with some dealers continuing to have difficulty securing trucks for shipping.

MIDWEST REGION Whole bird prices are firm with offers light. Retail and food service demand is light to instances moderate, fast food interest is normal to good. Floor stocks are balanced to tight. Sizes are desirable. Whole bird market activity is light to moderate at best.

WESTERN REGION The Wednesday Los Angeles delivered quote is 102 cents, up 1 cent from last week. The market on whole fryers and WOGs is steady to firm. Offerings light. Retail demand light to moderate. Foodservice demand moderate to good, mostly moderate.

SOUTHERN REGION Whole broiler/fryer prices continue to trend higher. Offerings of all sizes are light. Demand into all channels is moderate to good for mid-week business. Market activity is mostly active. In the parts structure, movement is moderate to good.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET DOWN 5 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 197 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 3, 2012. This was down 5 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS PLACED DOWN 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 163 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 3, 2012. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier.

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

Table with 4 columns: Week Ending 03/03/12, 2012, 2011, Percent Change Previous Year. Rows include Eggs Set and Chicks Placed.

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 14-Apr-12 is estimated at 149.0 million head. This compares to 148.1 million head the previous week and to 158.2 million head the same week a year ago.

MAR 06

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MAR 07

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)	570	47.00-51.00	-	48.77	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	591	47.00-51.00	-	48.84
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	560	50.00-53.00	-	51.71	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	504	50.00-53.00	-	51.17
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
58.50 - 62.00	60.21	60.50 - 63.50	61.92	59.94

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 tenders, wings and thigh meat and steady to firm for most other dark meat cuts. Trucklot buying activity is moderate to good with some dealers continuing to have problems securing trucks for transport. Offerings of tenders, wings and breast items are in good balance to tight; dark meat cuts are light to moderate and clearing satisfactorily. Movement is moderate to active.

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

MAR 06	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	MAR 07	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	155	132.59	783,530	BREAST - B/S	155	131.19	487,800
TENDERLOINS	155-160	152.92	251,895	TENDERLOINS	160	151.73	146,800
BREAST - WITH RIBS	92-93	112.86	29,400	BREAST - WITH RIBS	94-95	112.86	29,400
BREAST - LINE RUN	92	96.15	67,985	BREAST - LINE RUN	94	95.59	94,302
LEGS	73-74	72.60	176,480	LEGS	73-74	71.74	132,040
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	49-50	52.28	294,840	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	49-50	53.25	138,120
DRUMSTICKS	55-56	81.68	123,570	DRUMSTICKS	55-56	81.88	63,440
THIGHS	73-74	79.01	67,940	THIGHS	73-74	79.96	52,640
B/S THIGHS	132-133	129.15	109,120	B/S THIGHS	133-134	132.42	91,322
WINGS (WHOLE)	180-181	169.56	240,120	WINGS (WHOLE)	181-182	177.07	190,448
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	9,000	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	10.00	10,000
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	53.04	15,330	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	51.92	16,350
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.62	23,920	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	73.53	25,280

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 (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS
	03/07	03/06	03/05	03/02	03/05	03/02	02/29	02/27	
Alabama	3,470	3,930	3,741	3,521	5.67	5.26	3,593	5.65	
Arkansas	4,421	4,388	4,898	3,834	5.70	5.24	4,010	5.60	
Delmarva	1,916	2,036	1,972	2,004	6.39	6.07	1,919	6.42	
KY-LA-TN	2,379	2,465	2,469	2,403	5.24	5.22	2,197	5.28	
Mississippi	2,843	2,885	2,869	2,953	6.07	6.03	2,855	6.13	
North Carolina	2,256	2,615	2,578	2,646	7.30	7.17	2,526	7.24	
Texas	2,352	2,416	2,435	2,528	5.95	5.78	2,429	6.04	
Total	19,637	20,735	20,962	19,889	5.98	5.77	19,529	5.95	
Mon-Wed	60,967	(A)					59,853	(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 07-Mar-12 is estimated to be 29,379,000 head up 0.25 percent from a week ago and down 4.74 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 29,305,000, last year 30,842,000)

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 10-Mar-12

Class	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	03/10/12 (1)	03/03/12
	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	151,968 (2)	152,636
Light hens	1,824	1,478
Heavy hens	1,474	1,472
Total	155,266	155,586

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 10-Mar-12 is 151.4 million head compared to 159.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 152.3 million head or 0.9 million more than estimated available. For the week of 17-Mar-12 the estimated available is 151.2 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers

(Including government stocks) (In thousands)

		PROCESSED TURKEYS	PROCESSED POULTRY
		LBS	LBS
AM	03/05/12	132,362	45,808
AM	02/01/12	101,459	52,594
CHG		30,903	-6,786
PCT CHG		30%	-13%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of January 31, 2012 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on March 1, 2012 are:

Processed Turkeys	388	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Other Poultry	553	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (In Thousands)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	03/05/12	02/27/12	03/07/11	03/05/12	02/27/12	03/07/11
PACIFIC COAST LOS ANGELES	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				LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.40	.65	.52	HEAVY FOWL ea.	10.00	11.00	10.50
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	4.50	-
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.	-	1.50	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	4.00	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	1.20	1.35	1.27	ROOSTERS ea.	7.00	10.50	8.75
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	3.00	3.30	3.19	RABBITS ea.	-	15.50	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.75	5.50	4.13
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	7.50	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	.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 37

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending March 02, 2012

	Whole		Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers/	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts	W/Thighs	& Wings	Gizzards	
RAYON						
Low	94.18	152.81	99.51	39.09	7.11	99.51
High	95.95	163.47	106.61	49.75	10.66	99.51
Mostly	94.89	156.37	99.51	42.65	7.11	99.51
SAN JUAN						
Low	92.40	149.26	95.95	28.43	7.11	99.51
High	94.89	159.92	106.61	46.20	10.66	99.51
Mostly	94.89	152.81	99.51	39.09	7.11	99.51
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	94.18	156.37	99.51	42.65	7.11	99.51
High	97.37	167.03	110.17	42.65	10.66	99.51
Mostly	95.24	156.37	103.06	42.65	8.88	99.51
BECERRA						
Low	95.24	156.37	103.06	42.65	7.11	99.51
High	98.08	167.03	113.72	53.31	10.66	99.51
Mostly	95.24	159.92	106.61	46.20	8.88	99.51

NATIONAL FOWL MARKET Mar 02, 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 1 cent higher at 96 to 101 with a firm to higher trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is moderate to good for mid-week trading. Offerings of all sizes are light and often clearing at premium levels. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed but mostly desirable. Processing schedules are moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts complex, supplies of breast items and wings are light and moving well. Supplies of dark meat cuts are light to 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	86-112
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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