



NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Whole broiler/fryer prices are weak to lower in the East, barley steady to weak in the Midwest, and steady at best in the West. Offerings of all sizes are light to available and often discounted where product was excess. Retail and foods service demand is light to moderate, fast food is light for end of the month business. Floor stocks are balanced to long. Market activity is mostly slow. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for mid-week business. Prices are trending firm for tenders and wings, steady for balance of parts. Offerings for wings and tenders are light to moderate with larger sized wings noted as slightly more available. Breast items and dark meat items are sufficient for current needs. Market activity for parts is slow to moderate. 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 is unchanged at 93.25 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 86.25 cents last year on Mar. 30, 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 (200.50), BREASTS - B/S (158.50), BREASTS - WHOLE (101.00), THIGH MEAT - B/S (131.50), THIGHS (72.00), DRUMSTICKS (66.00), LEG QUARTERS (54.00), WINGS (190.00).

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

NORTHEAST REGION Prices are trending weak to lower for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity for ready-to-cook whole broiler fryers is light and unaggressive as dealers limited orders to regular commitments. Offerings of all sizes are available and often discounted where product was in excess. Trade activity is slow. In the parts complex, offerings of tenders and wings are light and clearing well; breast items and most dark meat cuts are mostly moderate for current needs.

MIDWEST REGION Whole bird prices are trending barely steady to weak. Additional offerings are mostly moderate to instances heavy. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate with fast food interest light to moderate. Floor stocks are balanced to long. Weights are mixed but trending heavy. Whole bird market activity is light to moderate. Supplies of parts are light to moderate with wings in the tightest position. Prices trending steady on all items while wings and tenders are fully steady to firm. Parts market activity is light to moderate.

WESTERN REGION The Wednesday Los Angeles delivered quote is 102 cents, unchanged from last week. The market on whole fryers is steady at best and WOGs weak with offering prices trending lower. Offerings light to moderate. Retail demand light to moderate at best. Foodservice demand light to good, mostly moderate. Floor stocks moderate to longer than desired. Weights desirable. The market boneless skinless breasts is steady at best, bone-in breasts and wings steady, tenderloins steady with a steady to firm undertone. The market on legs and leg meat is steady to weak with offering prices unchanged to lower, balance of dark items steady. Demand light to good, mostly light to moderate. Offerings light to moderately heavy, mostly light to moderate. Some buyers are finding small and medium sized wings not as tight as previous weeks. Movement light to good, mostly light to moderate.

SOUTHERN REGION Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending weak to lower. Offerings are moderate to heavy. Demand into all channels is light with discounting noted to help clear. Market activity is slow. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for mid-week business. Prices are trending firm for tenders and wings, steady for dark meat and breast cuts. Offerings are light to moderate for tenders and moving satisfactorily. All remaining parts are mostly moderate. 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 197 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 24, 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 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 24, 2012. Placements were down 5 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2012 through March 24, 2012 were 1.94 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 03/24/12, 2012, 2011, Percent Change Previous Year. Rows include Eggs Set (196,955 vs 209,382, -06) and Chicks Placed (164,509 vs 173,852, -05). Includes state abbreviations and 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 05-May-12 is estimated at 150.8 million head. This compares to 149.8 million head the previous week and to 160.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 158.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 83.42 cents per pound.

MAR 27

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MAR 28

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		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)	431	48.00-51.00	-	49.31	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	481	47.00-51.00	-	48.86
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	367	50.00-53.00	-	51.53	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	392	50.00-53.00	-	51.28
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
63.50 - 66.50	64.57	62.75 - 65.00	63.81	64.27

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 for tenders and wings; steady for the balance of items. Trucklot buying activity is light to moderate. Offerings of tenders and wings are light to moderate with the larger sized wings noted as slightly more available; breast items and most dark meat cuts are sufficient for current needs. Movement is slow to moderate.

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

MAR 27	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS	MAR 28	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG		ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	
BREAST - B/S	155	136.23	940,950	BREAST - B/S	155	136.94	702,760
TENDERLOINS	170-175	171.65	202,280	TENDERLOINS	170-175	166.36	133,400
BREAST - WITH RIBS	97-98	110.74	55,722	BREAST - WITH RIBS	97-98	106.01	69,779
BREAST - LINE RUN	97	97.67	112,122	BREAST - LINE RUN	97	98.27	110,686
LEGS	73-74	75.15	76,720	LEGS	73-74	77.27	61,240
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	49-50	52.93	278,840	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	49-50	53.93	123,320
DRUMSTICKS	55-56	63.50	97,320	DRUMSTICKS	55-56	67.29	43,560
THIGHS	73-74	77.12	46,400	THIGHS	73-74	79.28	38,120
B/S THIGHS	133-134	134.43	107,720	B/S THIGHS	133-134	132.83	55,640
WINGS (WHOLE)	188-189	181.70	253,400	WINGS (WHOLE)	188-189	188.62	212,200
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	6,280	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	6,589
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	55.00	7,500	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	51.69	12,900
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.76	13,040	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	73.54	20,120

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)	
Alabama	3,806	3,951	3,618	3,836	5.48	5.53	3,568	5.74	
Arkansas	4,520	4,726	4,542	3,934	5.58	5.32	4,588	5.62	
Delmarva	1,999	1,829	2,026	2,025	6.26	6.18	1,848	6.30	
KY-LA-TN	2,379	2,494	2,485	2,562	4.92	5.19	2,265	5.34	
Mississippi	2,833	2,859	2,678	2,577	5.99	5.94	2,875	6.19	
North Carolina	2,292	2,744	2,451	2,910	7.15	7.18	2,180	7.29	
Texas	1,862	2,279	2,395	2,372	5.82	5.82	1,843	6.06	
Total	19,691	20,882	20,195	20,216	5.82	5.84	19,167	6.01	
Mon-Wed	60,779	(A)					59,841	(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 28-Mar-12 is estimated to be 29,460,000 head up 2.43 percent from a week ago and down 6.43 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 28,762,000, last year 31,486,000)

**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		RANGE
Delivered to Restaurants and Institutions		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	118-185
	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 31-Mar-12

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	03/31/12 (1)		03/24/12	
	----- Thousand head -----			
Broiler/fryer	152,006 (2)		152,864	
Light hens	1,766		1,947	
Heavy hens	1,380		1,387	
Total	155,152		156,198	

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 31-Mar-12 is 152.2 million head compared to 164.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 152.3 million head or 0.1 million more than estimated available. For the week of 07-Apr-12 the estimated available is 151.9 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers**

(Including government stocks) (In thousands)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 03/26/12	131,903		40,239	
AM 03/01/12	129,156		47,693	
CHG	2,747		-7,454	
PCT CHG	2%		-16%	

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (In Thousands)**

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	03/26/12	03/19/12	03/28/11	03/26/12	03/19/12	03/28/11
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>	250	253	260	988	1,158	4,179
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	109	122	113	408	542	1,391

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

All Papers Required To Sell All Out of State Poultry

	LOW HIGH AVG				LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.45	.90	.67	HEAVY FOWL ea.	6.00	9.00	7.13
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	2.50	3.00	2.63
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	3.00	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	1.50	2.00	1.64
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	6.50	8.00	8.48
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	5.25	18.00	10.13
ROOSTERS lb.	-	1.35	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	9.00	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	2.45	3.55	2.91	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	6.50	12.00	7.72
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	7.00	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	2.25	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	2.50	-	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 71

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY**

Cents per pound for the week ending March 23, 2012

	Whole		Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts				
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	85.07	141.79	85.07	28.36	7.09	88.62
High	87.20	155.97	95.71	38.99	10.63	88.62
Mostly	85.07	148.88	88.62	31.90	7.09	88.62
<b>SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	84.36	141.79	81.53	24.81	7.09	88.62
High	86.49	152.42	92.16	35.45	10.63	88.62
Mostly	85.07	145.33	85.07	28.36	7.09	88.62
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	85.07	145.33	88.62	31.90	10.63	92.16
High	87.91	159.51	99.25	42.54	14.18	92.16
Mostly	85.07	152.42	92.16	35.45	10.63	92.16
<b>BECERRA</b>						
Low	85.78	148.88	92.16	31.90	10.63	92.16
High	87.91	159.51	102.80	46.08	14.18	92.16
Mostly	85.78	152.42	95.71	38.99	10.63	92.16

**NATIONAL FOWL MARKET** Mar 23, 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 lower at 92 to 97 cents with a weak to lower trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is light and unaggressive for mid-week trading. Supplies of all sizes are available with discounting noted. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processor schedules are moderate. Market activity is slow. In the parts complex, offerings of wings and tenders are light to moderate. The balance of parts are 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	62-109
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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