



NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Whole broiler/fryer prices are weak to lower in the East, steady to weak in the Midwest, and steady in the West. Offerings cover the full range but are mostly moderate to heavy for current trade needs. Retail and foods service demand is seasonally light to moderate approaching the Easter holiday. Floor stocks are balanced. Market activity is mostly slow. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for mid-week business. Prices are trending steady to firm on tenders and wings, steady to weak on breast items and dark meat items. Offerings of tenders and wings are light to moderate with good movement, the balance of parts are moderate to heavy. 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 Apr. 06, 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 (202.00), BREASTS - B/S (158.00), BREASTS - WHOLE (100.50), THIGH MEAT - B/S (131.50), THIGHS (72.00), DRUMSTICKS (66.00), LEG QUARTERS (54.00), WINGS (189.50).

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

NORTHEAST REGION Prices continue to trend weak for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity for ready-to-cook whole broiler fryers is light and unaggressive as dealers saw no need to extend floor stocks beyond regular commitments. Offerings of all sizes are available and competitively priced. Trade activity is slow. In the parts complex, offerings of tenders are light to moderate and clearing satisfactorily; dark meat cuts are sufficient for current needs and breast items are moderate to heavy.

MIDWEST REGION Whole bird prices are trending steady to weak. Additional offers are moderate to heavy. Retail and food service demand is seasonally light approaching the Easter holiday. Floor stocks are balanced. Weights are desirable to heavy. Whole bird market activity is light. Supplies of tenders, bone-in breasts, and wings are light; dark meat items light to moderate; and boneless skinless breasts moderate to instances heavy. Prices trended firm on tenders, steady to weak on boneless skinless breasts, and steady on the balance of parts. Parts market activity is light.

WESTERN REGION The Los Angeles delivered quote is 102 cents, unchanged from last Wednesday. The market on whole fryers is steady at best. The WOG market is steady to weak with offering prices unchanged to lower. Offerings light to moderate. Retail and foodservice mostly light to moderate. Floor stocks moderate. Weights desirable. The market on boneless skinless breasts is steady at best; bone-in breasts, wings and tenderloins steady. The market on dark items is mostly steady with legs and leg meat in the weakest position. Demand light to moderate. Offerings light to moderately heavy, mostly light to moderate. Movement light to moderate.

SOUTHERN REGION Whole broiler/fryer prices continue to trend weak to lower. Offerings are available for current trade needs with discounting noted to help clear. Demand is light for mid-week business. Market activity is slow. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate. Prices are trending firm for tenders and wings, steady to weak for breast items, and steady for dark meat items. Offerings are light to moderate for tenders and wings with good movement. Breast items are moderate to heavy and dark meat items are 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 5 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 198 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 31, 2012. This was down 5 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 31, 2012. Placements were down 5 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2012 through March 31, 2012 were 2.11 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 03/31/12, 2012, 2011, Percent Change Previous Year. Rows include Eggs Set (197,817 vs 208,037, -05%), Chicks Placed (164,845 vs 172,812, -05%). Selected States: AL, AR, CA, DE, FL, GA, KY, LA, MD, MO, MS, NC, OK, PA, SC, TX, VA, 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 12-May-12 is estimated at 151.6 million head. This compares to 150.8 million head the previous week and to 162.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 161.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 83.78 cents per pound.

APR 03

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

APR 04

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)	231	50.00-51.00	-	50.37	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	440	47.00-51.00	-	48.89
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	369	50.00-53.00	-	51.66	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	452	49.00-53.00	-	50.77
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
62.00 – 65.00	63.73	60.50 – 65.00	62.70	63.76

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; steady to weak for boneless skinless breast, dark meat cuts are steady and bone-in breast about steady. Trucklot buying activity is light to moderate for mid-week trading. Offerings of tenders are light to moderate; wings and most dark meat cuts are sufficient for current needs. Breast items are moderate to heavy. Movement is slow to moderate.

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

APR 03 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	APR 04 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	150-155	133.66	972,120	BREAST - B/S	150-155	132.27	711,320
TENDERLOINS	170-175	173.47	176,840	TENDERLOINS	170-175	168.69	151,680
BREAST - WITH RIBS	97-98	110.38	44,034	BREAST - WITH RIBS	96-97	112.60	30,241
BREAST - LINE RUN	97	99.59	71,332	BREAST - LINE RUN	96	98.90	74,930
LEGS	73-74	73.00	133,820	LEGS	73-74	72.14	142,560
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	49-50	53.40	338,520	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	49-50	55.14	114,820
DRUMSTICKS	55-56	70.66	74,400	DRUMSTICKS	55-56	70.72	56,960
THIGHS	73-74	83.25	62,500	THIGHS	73-74	83.39	59,120
B/S THIGHS	133-134	135.35	84,000	B/S THIGHS	133-134	131.60	60,800
WINGS (WHOLE)	188-189	180.58	271,720	WINGS (WHOLE)	188-189	178.44	121,680
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	6,749	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	4,760
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	52.28	13,710	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	50.56	20,810
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.15	24,460	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.17	27,980

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
	04/04	04/03	04/02	03/30	04/02	03/30	03/28	03/26	
Alabama	3,712	3,842	3,762	5,302	5.85	5.91	3,638	5.48	
Arkansas	4,527	4,690	4,614	3,777	5.60	5.21	4,584	5.58	
Delmarva	2,079	2,072	2,009	2,038	6.42	6.13	1,965	6.26	
KY-LA-TN	2,342	2,437	2,434	2,439	5.24	5.05	2,366	4.92	
Mississippi	2,888	2,773	2,730	2,754	5.98	5.94	2,729	5.99	
North Carolina	2,346	2,729	2,225	2,721	7.44	7.14	2,280	7.15	
Texas	2,136	2,154	2,439	2,301	6.08	5.44	1,781	5.82	
Total	20,030	20,697	20,213	21,332	6.00	5.82	19,343	5.82	
Mon-Wed	60,897	(A)					60,020	(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 04-Apr-12 is estimated to be 29,967,000 head up 3.24 percent from a week ago and down 8.25 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 29,026,000, last year 32,661,000)

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	118-175
	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 07-Apr-12

Class	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	04/07/12 (1)	03/31/12
	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	151,645 (2)	152,006
Light hens	1,778	1,766
Heavy hens	1,250	1,380
Total	154,673	155,152

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 07-Apr-12 is 151.9 million head compared to 161.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 151.9 million head or 0.0 million less than estimated available. For the week of 14-Apr-12 the estimated available is 152.9 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers

(Including government stocks) (In thousands)

PROCESSED TURKEYS		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS
AM 04/02/12	134,992		37,773
AM 03/01/12	129,156		47,693
CHG	5,836		-9,920
PCT CHG	5%		-21%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of February 29, 2012 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on April 1, 2012 are:

Frozen Eggs	33	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Turkeys	382	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Other Poultry	475	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (In Thousands)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	04/02/12	03/26/12	04/04/11	04/02/12	03/26/12	04/04/11
PACIFIC						
COAST	255	250	218	1,173	988	4,097
LOS ANGELES	104	109	111	456	408	1,323

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

All Papers Required To Sell All Out of State Poultry

	LOW HIGH AVG			FOR 04/03/12			LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.50	2.40	1.27	HEAVY FOWL ea.	1.00	13.00	8.10		
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-		
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-		
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	5.50	-		
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-		
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-		
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-		
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.50	4.00	1.38		
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	5.00	-		
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	2.50	6.50	4.04		
ROOSTERS lb.	1.70	1.80	1.76	ROOSTERS ea.	3.00	15.00	7.11		
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-		
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-		
DUCKS lb.	1.30	2.00	1.42	DUCKS ea.	10.50	18.00	14.25		
RABBITS lb.	1.00	3.50	2.69	RABBITS ea.	2.50	7.50	4.81		
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	3.25	6.00	4.68		
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	12.00	13.00	12.40		
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	2.00	-		
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-		
SILKIES ea.	3.00	5.00	4.25	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-		
GUINEA PIGS ea.	.25	1.00	.53	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 151

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending March 30, 2012

	Whole		Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts				
RAYON						
Low	83.30	141.79	74.44	28.36	3.54	88.62
High	86.49	155.97	88.62	35.45	7.09	88.62
Mostly	85.07	148.88	81.53	31.90	5.32	88.62
SAN JUAN						
Low	82.95	138.24	70.89	24.81	3.54	88.62
High	85.07	152.42	85.07	31.90	7.09	88.62
Mostly	85.07	145.33	77.98	28.36	5.32	88.62
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	84.01	145.33	77.98	31.90	7.09	88.62
High	87.20	155.97	92.16	38.99	10.63	88.62
Mostly	85.07	148.88	85.07	35.45	8.86	88.62
BECERRA						
Low	85.07	145.33	81.53	31.90	7.09	88.62
High	87.91	159.51	95.71	38.99	10.63	88.62
Mostly	85.07	152.42	88.62	35.45	8.86	88.62

NATIONAL FOWL MARKET March 30, 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 87 to 92 cents with a weak to lower trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is light and unaggressive for mid-week business. Offerings of all sizes are available and slow to clear. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processing schedules are moderate. Market activity is slow. In the parts complex, offerings are light to moderate for tenders and moderate to heavy for breast items. The balance of parts are sufficient.

*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	70-109
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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