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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Whole broiler/fryers prices are trending steady in the West, steady to weak in the East and Midwest. Final majority prices are trending unchanged in the West, but lower in the East and Midwest when compared to last week prices. Offerings of all sizes are light to moderate following the holiday weekend. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate for early week business. Floor stocks are mixed. Market activity is slow. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate entering the week. Prices are steady to firm for tenders, and steady for the remaining items. Offerings of tenders are light, and all other parts are at least sufficient. Market activity for parts is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

FINAL Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers and FOB Dock at major market areas (cents per lb) Week of 09-APR-2012

Grade A		Composite	
Majority	Wtd Avg	Wtd Avg	Loads
Delivered to First Receivers 1/:			
Boston/New England	TFEWR		82.43 14
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		81.83 13
Denver	TFEWR		84.36 22
Detroit	TFEWR		79.01 25
Los Angeles	102.00	101.12 21	88.90 60
New York	84.00-87.00	85.40 20	86.83 40
Philadelphia	83.50-85.00	84.09 11	83.66 22
Pittsburgh	83.00-86.00	84.55 11	87.57 53
St. Louis	TFEWR		76.97 15
San Francisco	102.50	101.29 7	93.32 22

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:

Whole Body 2/:		Composite	
Majority	Wtd Avg	Wtd Avg	Loads
Chicago	75.00-80.00		76.10 46

Composite Weighted Average 3/:

Loads	04/09/12	Change Last Wk	04/02/12	04/11/11
332	84.56	-2.18	86.74	80.69

WOG Broilers 4/:	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Eastern	86.00-90.00	89.72	31
Central	67.00-81.00	76.86	78
Western	75.00-89.00	84.33	44

FOB Dock Equivalent 5/:

Mississippi	80.00-84.00	82.05	20
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1/: Includes branded product.

2/: Whole Body category includes whole body birds with or without giblets, all grades, brands, and packaging.

3/: Includes all whole birds shipped into listed cities including Chicago.

4/: Delivered first receiver, trucklot and less than trucklot volumes.

5/: Southeast area.

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is **93.25** cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/12 to 3 pound birds.

MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG

LOADS	RANGE	FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
961	80.00-99.73	91.98

Georgia f.o.b. Dock confirmed FINAL weighted average price

On ice-packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	205.00	1,664
BREASTS - B/S	159.50	7,432
BREASTS - WHOLE	100.50	1,424
THIGH MEAT - B/S	130.50	1,149
THIGHS	72.00	1,107
DRUMSTICKS	72.00	1,282
LEG QUARTERS	54.00	9,479
WINGS	188.50	3,658

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

NORTHEAST Prices are trending steady to weak for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers is light as dealers assess market conditions following the extended holiday weekend. Offerings of all sizes are available and slow to clear. Trade activity is slow. In the parts complex, supplies of tenders are light to moderate and clearing satisfactorily; wings, breast items and most dark meat cuts are at least sufficient for current needs.

SOUTHERN Prices for whole broiler/fryers are holding steady with an about steady undertone. Offerings of all sizes are moderate following the holiday weekend. Demand into all channels is light to moderate for trade needs. Market activity is light. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate. Prices are holding steady for all items with tenders at times firm. Offerings are light for tenders, but readily available for all other items. Market activity is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN Final majorities are unchanged from last Monday's. The market is steady at best on whole fryers and weak on WOGs. Offers light. Retail and foodservice demand light to moderate. Floor stocks moderate. Sizes desirable. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average is 80.78 cents, down 4.03 cents on 32 loads.

MIDWEST Final majority prices are lower into the Chicago market; Ohio cities, Detroit and St. Louis are TFEWR. Whole broiler fryer prices are steady to weak with offerings light to moderate. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate at best; fast food moderate to good. Floor stocks are mixed. Sizes desirable to heavy. Whole bird market activity is light. Parts supplies are light to moderate. Prices trended firm on tenders and steady on the balance of white and dark meat parts items. Market activity for parts is light following the Easter holiday weekend.

DELMARVA Less-than-trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 87 to 92 cents with an about steady trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is light to moderate following the extended holiday weekend. Offerings of all sizes are available for trade needs. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but reported as mostly desirable. Processor schedules are very light as some plants are closed for the Easter/Passover period. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts complex, parts ranged light to moderate with tenders in the best 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 75-102

WEIGHTED AVERAGE (A)

NO. OF BOXES (A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Prices are trending steady to firm for tenders and mostly steady for the balance of items. Trucklot buying activity is light to moderate as dealers assess market conditions following the extended holiday weekend. Offerings of tenders are light to moderate; wings, breast items and most dark meat cuts are moderate 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

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS.
BREAST - B/S		150-155	135.62	702,520
TENDERLOINS		170-175	171.75	121,840
BREAST - WITH RIBS		96-97	109.00	34,551
BREAST - LINE RUN		96	98.48	66,179
LEGS		73-74	68.47	104,400
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		49-50	52.34	168,000
DRUMSTICKS		55-56	65.55	31,380
THIGHS		73-74	77.77	31,480
B/S THIGHS		133-134	137.27	54,320
WINGS (WHOLE)		188-189	182.03	176,520
BACKS & NECKS (STRIPPED)		16-18	18.00	4,230
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		50-55	52.13	15,090
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		70-75	74.55	13,800

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (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

	Estimate (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wts	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wts
	04/09	04/05	04/05	04/02	03/29
Alabama	3,756	3,790	5.58	3,762	5.61
Arkansas	4,665	4,458	5.59	4,614	5.67
Delmarva	(A)	1,835	6.12	2,009	6.27
Ky-LA-TN	(A)	2,479	5.33	2,434	4.86
Mississippi	2,841	2,379	5.78	2,730	5.80
North Carolina	2,673	2,544	7.16	2,225	7.12
Texas	2,407	2,435	5.89	2,439	5.85
Total	16,342	19,920	5.86	20,213	5.86
Mon	16,342(B)			20,213(B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 09-Apr 2011 is estimated to be 24,449,000 down 19.40 percent from a week ago. and down 23.8 percent from a year ago. (last week 30,332,000 last year 32,074,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER 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.

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)	365	48.00-51.00	-	49.14
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	354	50.00-54.00	-	51.11
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		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR APRIL 09, 2012 -- F.O.B. DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
60.50 - 65.00	63.25	63.30

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.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER PARTS

ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, & WI WEEK OF 09-APR-2012 TO 13-APR-2012, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	124.00 - 142.00	127.00 - 132.00
TENDERLOINS	167.00 - 186.00	170.00 - 177.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	96.00 - 117.00	96.00 - 105.00
LEGS	71.00 - 77.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	46.00 - 57.00	51.00 - 54.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	52.00 - 58.00	53.00 - 57.00
DRUMSTICKS	52.00 - 61.00	-
THIGHS	61.00 - 82.00	-
B/S THIGHS	122.00 - 146.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	183.00 - 194.00	-
BACKS & NECKS (STRIPPED)	17.00 - 40.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 50.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 65.00	-

CALIFORNIA PROCESSED POULTRY – cents per pound

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	104-127
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	110-129
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	108-123
ROASTERS 4# & UP	128-140
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS IN SAN FRANCISCO

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 118-175
	ICE PACK
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK 124
	ICE PACK
DUCKS	217-285

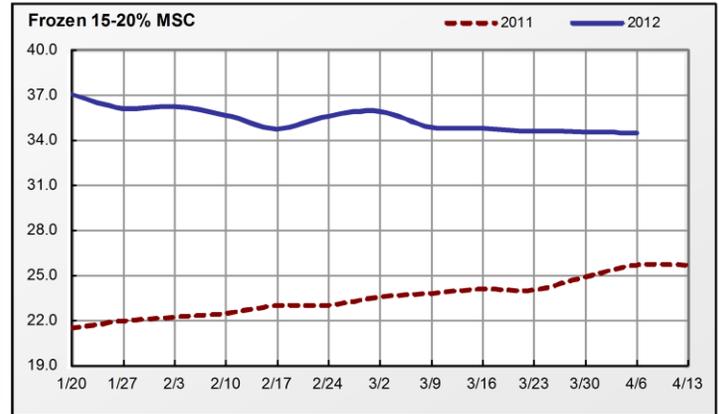
NATIONAL MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

(FOB Shipper Dock or equiv., negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand lb. quantities, cents/lb.; delivery within 2 weeks.)

MSC prices trended steady to weak on fresh 15-20% and steady for the balance of fat contents. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Schedules are normal to reduced. Domestic and export demand is light to moderate at best going into the Easter holiday. As expected, the spot marketplace is slow for Holy week, however industry anticipates interest and buying to pick up after Easter as buyers ramp up production of finished goods to prepare for the summer season. In the meantime, producers utilize all options available this week to stay ahead on spot sales of MSC and maintain a cautious and conservative outlook of the future of the spot marketplace. Market activity is light. Raw material supplies are moderate to heavy. Spot frame trading is between 10-15 cents FOB.

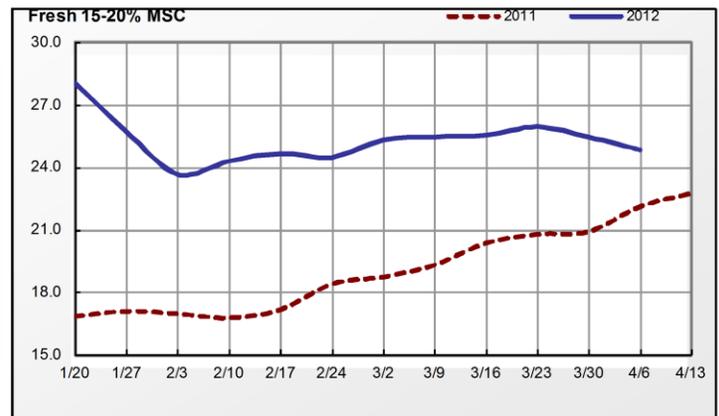
Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	6-Apr-12	Last Week	Last Year	6-Apr-12	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			28.00	27.00	26.00 - 27.00	23.00
Wtd Avg Price			28.00	27.00	26.75	23.00
Volume Traded	-	-	80	82	163	143
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	31.00 - 38.00	31.00 - 38.00	24.00-27.00	20.00 - 29.00	20.00 - 30.00	20.00-25.00
Wtd Avg Price	34.46	34.56	25.70	24.84	25.45	22.12
Volume Traded	1,650	1,685	1,752	3,702	3,703	4,119
Volume Exported	1,450	1,325	1,472	530	592	-
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.50	22.50	18.00-20.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.50	22.50	19.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	82	163
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



Monthly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Mar 2012	Feb 2012	Mar 2011	Mar 2012	Feb 2012	Mar 2011
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	26.92	27.56	20.83
Volume Traded	-	-	-	775	653	245
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	34.92	35.46	23.86	25.56	24.33	19.80
Volume Traded	9,964	7,800	6,170	19,562	15,773	13,826
Volume Exported	8,629	6,839	5,930	4,264	2,693	1,183
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.30	22.38	18.91
Volume Traded	-	-	-	408	163	449
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



Note: Volume exported refers to that portion of the total volume that is destined for export markets.

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