



NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Whole broiler/fryers prices are trending steady to lower in the East, steady elsewhere. Offerings of all sizes are mostly light to moderate for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate with best movement into fast food. Floor stocks are light to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for mid-week business. Prices are trending steady to higher for tenders, steady to firm for breast items and dark meat cut and weak to lower for wings. Offerings are light to moderate for tenders and dark meat items, wings are available and all other parts are moderate. Market activity for parts is 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 86.50 cents last year on Apr. 13, 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 (203.50), BREASTS - B/S (158.50), BREASTS - WHOLE (100.50), THIGH MEAT - B/S (131.00), THIGHS (72.50), DRUMSTICKS (66.50), LEG QUARTERS (54.00), WINGS (189.00).

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 for mid-week trading. Offerings of all sizes are available and slow to clear. Trade activity is slow. In the parts complex, offerings of tenders, drums and thigh meat are light to moderate and moving well; breast items are moderate to heavy and wings are heavy for current needs.

MIDWEST REGION Prices for whole birds are trending steady. Additional offerings are light to moderate. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate at best following the Easter holiday and first of the month. Fast food demand is moderate. Floor stocks are mixed. Weights are desirable to heavy. Whole bird market activity is light to moderate. Parts supplies are light to moderate. Prices trended firm on drums and thighs, steady to firm on tenders, and generally steady on the remainder of parts. Parts market activity is light to moderate.

WESTERN REGION The Los Angeles delivered quote is 102 cents, unchanged from last Wednesday. The market on whole broilers is steady and WOGs steady with some spot unsettledness reported. Offerings light to moderate. Retail and foodservice demand light to moderate. Floor stocks moderate. Weights desirable. The market on boneless skinless breasts is steady with sellers holding supplies with more confidence than last week, bone-in breasts steady, wings steady to instances weak and tenderloins steady to sometimes firm. The market on legs and leg meat is steady at best, drums and thigh meat steady to instances firm, balance of dark items is steady. Demand mostly light to moderate, instances good with some finding better than anticipated demand on thigh meat into retail channels. Offerings light to moderately heavy, mostly light to moderate. Movement light to good, mostly light to moderate.

SOUTHERN REGION Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady. Offerings of all sizes are moderate for current trade needs. Demand is moderate with trading usually limited to regular commitments. Market activity is moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for mid-week business. Prices are trending firm to higher for dark meat items and tenders, weak for wings and steady for the balance of items. Offerings are light to moderate for dark meat item and tenders with good movement. Breast items are moderate and wings are moderate to heavy and slow to clear for larger wings. Market activity is moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET DOWN 4 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 199 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 7, 2012. This was down 4 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 4 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 7, 2012. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2012 through April 7, 2012 were 2.27 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 04/07/12, 2012, 2011, Percent Change Previous Year. Rows include Eggs Set (199,183 vs 208,503, -04) and Chicks Placed (165,329 vs 172,733, -04). Includes Selected States 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 19-May-12 is estimated at 152.1 million head. This compares to 151.6 million head the previous week and to 163.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 167.5 million head and the composite weighted average price was 84.58 cents per pound.

APR 10

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

APR 11

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)	365	49.00-51.00	-	49.55	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	240	48.00-51.00	-	49.31
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	519	50.00-53.00	-	51.07	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	305	50.00-53.00	-	50.75
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	63.51	61.50 – 65.00	63.61	63.44

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 drums, tenders and thigh meat; weak to lower for wings and mostly steady for the balance of items. Trucklot buying activity is light to moderate for mid-week trading. Offerings of tenders and most dark meat cuts are light to moderate and clearing well; breast items are sufficient for current needs and wings are noted as available and slow to clear. Movement is moderate.

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

APR 10 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	APR 11 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	150-155	137.53	873,880	BREAST - B/S	150-155	136.25	551,960
TENDERLOINS	170-175	171.34	200,000	TENDERLOINS	175	166.10	164,600
BREAST - WITH RIBS	96-97	107.71	51,061	BREAST - WITH RIBS	96-97	109.29	36,419
BREAST - LINE RUN	96	96.02	100,398	BREAST - LINE RUN	96	98.76	69,504
LEGS	73-74	69.32	206,400	LEGS	73-74	71.52	136,800
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	49-50	53.12	287,160	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	49-50	53.50	160,640
DRUMSTICKS	56-57	67.34	60,160	DRUMSTICKS	57-58	67.30	42,720
THIGHS	74-75	73.64	47,640	THIGHS	74-75	75.01	39,880
B/S THIGHS	134-135	134.16	129,760	B/S THIGHS	135-136	137.16	42,040
WINGS (WHOLE)	188-189	177.78	257,940	WINGS (WHOLE)	185-186	182.71	224,800
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	7,160	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	6,440
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	52.82	9,040	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	50.48	19,840
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.21	18,760	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.21	24,240

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	3,669	3,840	3,629	3,200	5.68	5.23	3,594	5.85	
Arkansas	4,437	4,626	4,660	3,785	5.61	5.02	4,659	5.60	
Delmarva	2,080	2,076	(A)	1,787	(A)	6.23	2,041	6.42	
KY-LA-TN	2,499	2,448	(A)	2,367	(A)	5.03	2,309	5.24	
Mississippi	2,812	2,784	2,812	2,679	6.10	5.90	2,877	5.98	
North Carolina	2,357	2,730	2,090	2,605	7.36	6.93	2,546	7.44	
Texas	2,347	2,402	2,403	2,019	6.09	5.83	1,879	6.08	
Total	20,201	20,906	18,921	18,442	6.00	5.66	19,905	6.00	
Mon-Wed	61,034	(B)					60,867	(B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 11-Apr-12 is estimated to be 30,223,000 head up 1.19 percent from a week ago and down 7.25 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 29,869,000, last year 32,587,000)

**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 14-Apr-12

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	04/14/12 (1)		04/07/12	
	----- Thousand head -----			
Broiler/fryer	151,101	(2)	151,645	
Light hens	2,011		1,778	
Heavy hens	1,432		1,250	
Total	154,544		154,673	

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 14-Apr-12 is 152.9 million head compared to 162.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 151.4 million head or 1.5 million less than estimated available. For the week of 21-Apr-12 the estimated available is 153.4 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers

(Including government stocks) (In thousands)

		PROCESSED TURKEYS		PROCESSED POULTRY	
		LBS		LBS	
AM	04/09/12	138,974		38,836	
AM	04/01/12	134,992		37,773	
CHG		3,982		1,063	
PCT CHG		3%		3%	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (In Thousands)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	04/09/12	04/02/12	04/11/11	04/09/12	04/02/12	04/11/11
PACIFIC COAST	246	255	167	891	1,173	3,853
LOS ANGELES	99	104	103	299	456	1,178

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

All Papers Required To Sell All Out of State Poultry

	LOW HIGH AVG			FOR 04/10/12		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.80	.90	.83	HEAVY FOWL ea.	- 17.00	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	- 8.00	-
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.	.50	4.75 1.07
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	4.50	5.25 4.75
ROOSTERS lb.	1.65	1.70	1.68	ROOSTERS ea.	- 15.00	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	2.25	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	2.00	4.60	3.38	RABBITS ea.	- 3.00	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	3.50	7.00 4.31
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	1.00	2.25 1.67
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	2.00	3.25	2.63	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 65

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending April 06, 2012

	Whole		Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers/	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts	W/Thighs	& Wings	Gizzards	
RAYON						
Low	73.28	138.07	74.34	21.24	7.08	84.96
High	76.11	152.23	81.42	31.86	10.62	84.96
Mostly	74.34	145.15	77.88	26.55	7.08	84.96
SAN JUAN						
Low	70.80	138.07	63.72	21.24	7.08	84.96
High	74.34	148.69	77.88	28.32	10.62	84.96
Mostly	74.34	141.61	70.80	24.78	7.08	84.96
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	70.80	141.61	70.80	21.24	10.62	84.96
High	77.88	159.31	88.50	35.40	14.16	84.96
Mostly	75.05	152.23	81.42	28.32	10.62	84.96
BECERRA						
Low	75.41	145.15	74.34	24.78	10.62	84.96
High	79.65	159.31	88.50	38.94	14.16	84.96
Mostly	75.41	152.23	81.42	35.40	10.62	84.96

NATIONAL FOWL MARKET April 06, 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 86 to 91 cents with a weak and unsettled trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is light for midweek business. Offerings of all sizes are available with discounting noted. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but reported as mostly desirable. Processing schedules are moderate. Market activity is slow. In the parts complex, breast items and wings are moderate to at times heavy. Tenders and 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	68-102
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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