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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Preliminary majority prices are trending 2 cents lower in the East, but unchanged in the West and Midwest. Whole bird prices are steady to weak in the East, but steady elsewhere. Offerings of all sizes are light to moderate and at times slow to clear. Demand into retail and food service channels is light to moderate entering the weekend. Floor stocks are in a full range. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate. Prices are firm for tenders and most dark meat cuts and holding steady for the remaining items. Supplies of tenders, drums, thighs, and leg quarters are light, and all other parts are moderate to heavy. Market activity for parts is light to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate. Weights are desirable to heavy.

Preliminary Report

Prices negotiated for truck lot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers FOB Dock and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 16-Apr-2012 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A MAJORITY	RANGE	AVG	WTD LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
New York	82.00-85.00			
Los Angeles	102.00			
Whole Body 2/ Chicago	75.00-80.00	68.00-91.00	76.52	34
FOB Dock Equivalent 3/:				
Mississippi	80.00-84.00	70.00-88.00	80.95	21

1/: Includes branded product.

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

3/: Southeast area

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

The 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 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG

LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG
734	86.97-96.75	92.61

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER LB)	VOL (000 LBS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	206.00	1,007
BREASTS - B/S	160.00	4,391
BREASTS - WHOLE	100.00	949
THIGH MEAT - B/S	131.00	811
THIGHS	73.00	737
DRUMSTICKS	72.00	729
LEG QUARTERS	54.00	5,248
WINGS	188.50	2,185

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

MIDWEST BROILER/FRYER Preliminary majority prices into Chicago were unchanged for next week. Prices for whole birds are trending steady. Additional offers are light. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate at best. Fast food is moderate. Floor stocks are in a full range of short to heavy. Weights are desirable to heavy. Whole bird market activity is light. Supplies of whole legs and leg meat are moderate to heavy; drums, thighs, thigh meat, and tenders light; and light to moderate on the balance of parts. Parts prices trended firm on drums, thighs, and thigh meat; steady to firm on tenders and leg quarters; and steady on the remainder of parts. Parts market activity is light. Trucking issues noted in regard to availability and higher freight rates.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER Prices are trending steady to weak for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity for ready-to-cook whole broiler fryers is light entering the weekend as dealers were content to limit orders to normal commitments. Offerings of all sizes are available and slow to clear. Trade activity is slow. In the parts complex, offerings of tenders and drums are light to moderate and clearing well; breast items and wings are mostly moderate for current needs.

SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER Prices for whole broiler/fryers are holding steady with an about steady undertone. Offerings of all sizes are moderate to satisfy current trade requirements. Demand into all channels is light to moderate. Market activity is moderate at best. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate entering the weekend. Prices are firm for tenders and dark meat items, steady to weak for wings, and steady for breast items. Supplies are light for tenders and dark meat, and available for breast cuts. Wings are in good balance for smaller sizes, but moderate to heavy for larger sizes. Market activity is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN BROILER/FRYER The Los Angeles preliminary majority is 102 cents, unchanged from last Monday's final. The market on whole broilers is steady. The WOG market is steady to instances weak with prices mostly unchanged with some spot trading trending lower for next week's shipments. Offerings light to moderate. Retail and foodservice demand light to moderate, instances good with some finding improvement for the weekend. Floor stocks moderate. Weights desirable. The market on boneless skinless and bone-in breasts mostly steady, wings steady to weak with offering prices unchanged to lower and tenderloins steady to firm with offering prices unchanged to higher. The market on dark items is steady to firm with prices unchanged to higher for next week with some of the higher prices due to increased freight costs. Demand light to moderate, instances good. Offerings light to moderately heavy, mostly light to moderate. Movement light to good, mostly light to moderate.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Less-than-trucklot asking prices are unchanged at 85 to 90 cents with an about steady trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is light entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes are moderate with some discounting noted. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processor schedules are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts complex, breast items and wings are moderate to instances heavy. Tenders and most 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	69-101
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	(A)
	04/09/12-04/13/12
	04/11/11-04/15/11
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
	04/09/12-04/13/12
	04/11/11-04/15/11
	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER 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.

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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) 500		49.00-51.00	-	49.73
LEG QUARTERS (4/10) 427		50.00-53.00	-	50.86
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		

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	WEEKLY POUNDS (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	262	124.00-142.00	-	127.30	1,246	126.95
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			701	165.32
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT			354	85.17
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT			305	78.31
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK) 500	320	48.00-51.00	-	49.27	1,790	49.43
LEG QUARTERS (4/10) 427	349	50.00-53.00	-	51.28	1,954	51.02
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			166	174.87
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			85	120.99

 Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for April 12, 2012 -- f.o.b. dock.

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RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
63.75 - 68.00	65.44

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
61.50 - 65.00	63.37	63.83

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 PARTS Prices are trending firm on tenders, drums and leg quarters and generally steady for the balance of items. Trucklot buying activity improved slightly under normal weekend demand but noted as light to moderate overall. Offerings of tenders and most dark meat cuts are light to moderate and clearing satisfactorily; breast items and wings 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.

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS.
BREAST - B/S	150-155	134.81	784,320
TENDERLOINS	175	173.86	217,800
BREAST - WITH RIBS	96-97	108.74	56,380
BREAST - LINE RUN	96	99.67	76,522
LEGS	73-74	74.50	229,440
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	49-50	53.78	251,600
DRUMSTICKS	57-58	71.96	88,960
THIGHS	74-75	82.56	51,720
B/S THIGHS	135-136	136.12	79,400
WINGS (WHOLE)	185-186	180.92	271,880
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	4,720
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	53.37	10,060
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	75.03	13,840

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS.	WEEKLY WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS.
BREAST - B/S	150-155	137.66	585,480	136.35	3,498,160
TENDERLOINS	175	171.75	132,400	171.09	836,640
BREAST - WITH RIBS	96-97	108.99	42,435	108.68	220,846
BREAST - LINE RUN	96	98.71	68,409	98.16	381,012
LEGS	73-74	72.20	121,920	71.51	798,960
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	49-50	52.87	179,960	53.17	1,047,360
DRUMSTICKS	57-58	72.28	86,960	69.86	310,180
THIGHS	74-75	82.83	56,040	78.76	226,760
B/S THIGHS	135-136	134.78	85,120	135.45	390,640
WINGS (WHOLE)	185-186	183.60	207,120	181.22	1,138,260
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	7,745	18.00	30,295
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	52.29	10,480	51.94	64,510
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.25	17,120	74.40	87,760

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND 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
	04/13	04/12	04/11	04/10	04/09
Alabama	4,220	3,845	3,631	3,764	5.59
Arkansas	3,428	4,583	4,366	4,629	5.38
Delmarva	1,987	2,057	2,097	2,090	6.36
Ky-LA-TN	2,340	2,529	2,488	2,404	5.26
Mississippi	2,839	2,792	2,811	2,768	6.14
North Carolina	2,729	2,754	2,353	2,626	7.36
Texas	2,370	2,415	2,404	2,420	5.94
Total	19,913	20,975	20,150	20,701	5.91
Mon-Friday	101,922 (A)				99,229 (A)
Saturday	858 (included in total for date shown)				191

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 13-Apr-12 and 14-Apr-12 is estimated to be 29,792,000 head up 7.65 percent from a week ago and down 0.08 percent from a year ago. (Last week 29,892,000, last year 29,816,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 14-Apr-12 is estimated to be 152,487,000 head up 3.20 percent from a week ago, and down 4.54 percent from a year ago. (Last week 147,760,000, last year 159,746,000)

Actual data incorporated when available.

CALIFORNIA PROCESSED POULTRY (cents per pound)

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

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 07-Apr-2012

(Preliminary)	-----Thousands-----				
	(A) 4.25 lbs. & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs.	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs.	(D) 7.76 lbs. & up	Total
Head	38,891	64,257	23,984	20,628	147,760
Avg Live Wgt	3.83	5.40	6.83	8.50	5.65
% of total /1	26%	44%	16%	14%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	39,670	61,956	24,232	23,897	149,755
Avg Live Wgt	3.87	5.54	6.77	8.71	5.80
% of total /1	26%	42%	16%	16%	100%
Year Ago 2/	37,126	72,079	28,740	21,801	159,746
Avg Live Wgt	3.85	5.37	6.78	8.42	5.69
% of total /1	23%	45%	18%	14%	100%
To date/2012*	501,686	902,241	372,936	316,498	2,093,361
To date/2011*	538,775	1,000,488	367,625	328,170	2,235,058

1/ May not total to 100% due to rounding. 2/ Comparable week.

*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

Weight Class Description: (A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens. (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms. (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors. (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

WEEKLY POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(Preliminary) Week ending 07-Apr-2012

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	147,760	1,722	1,271	2,993	443
Avg Wt	5.65	3.36	8.12	5.38	6.76
Last week	149,755	1,676	1,372	3,048	407
Same wk yr ago	159,746	1,493	1,392	2,885	475
Avg Wt	5.69	3.16	8.12	5.55	6.85
To-date/2012*	2,093,361	22,184	20,575	42,759	5,945
To-date/2011*	2,235,058	20,143	20,763	40,906	6,308
% Change YTD	-6%	10%	-1%	5%	-6%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	630,307	3,038	7,070	10,108	2,171
Last week	651,434	2,998	7,187	10,185	2,028
Same wk yr ago	677,171	2,548	7,347	9,895	2,343
To-date/2012*	8,993,414	37,202	107,870	145,072	28,735
To-date/2011*	9,463,380	34,081	109,248	143,329	31,192
% Change YTD	-5%	9%	-1%	1%	-8%
Dressing %	75.5%	52.5%	68.5%		72.5%

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 151.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 149.6 million head, or 2.3 million less than estimated available. (B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

EST. U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

Week Ending	Million Head Slaughtered	Million Head Available*	Pct	Avg Wt
Mar 3	153.5	152.5	101%	5.78
10	152.1	151.4	100%	5.79
17	154.9	151.2	102%	5.74
24	152.4	151.9	100%	5.73
31	151.6	152.2	100%	5.80
Apr 7	149.6	151.9	98%	5.65
Year to date	2118.9	2125.8	100%	
Apr 14		152.9		
21		153.4		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection (in thousands)

W/E	04/14/12	04/07/12	%chg	04/16/11	%chg
Broilers	152,487	147,760 ¹	+3.20	159,746 ¹	-4.54
Cattle	582	622	-06	645 ²	-10
Hogs	2,044	2,124	-04	2,028 ²	+01

¹ Actual data incorporated when available.² Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.**EASTERN REGION MISC. POULTRY**

For delivery the week of APRIL 09, 2012

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	221-225	226-232
MIDWEST	195-210	200-214

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	74.00-85.25	80.00-84.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	78.00-91.00	82.00-87.00

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

11 oz.	74.88-99.79
13 oz.	82.80-114.54
15 oz.	90.00-120.34

EASTERN REGION: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices are steady. Demand is reported as light to moderate. Supplies are mostly moderate for present needs. Market activity is slow to moderate. Processing schedules remain full-time. Prices paid, first receivers for 10-18 oz boneless breast at \$7.70-8.80, bone in legs at \$3.05-3.55, gizzards at \$1.20-1.75, wings at \$.75-.90, livers at \$1.25-2.05, and feet at \$.75-1.45 cents per lb.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 09-APR-2012

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	192-218	194-223

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

DATE OF AUCTION: APRIL 10, 2012

PRICES PAID PER LB., EXCEPT AS NOTED

	RANGE
Banty Hens	4.00 - 6.00 ea.
White Pigeons	- 5.00 ea.
Broilers	1.10 - 1.20 ea.
Bunnies	4.00 - 10.00 ea.
Chicks	.40 - 1.00 ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9LBS	.70 - .80 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11LBS	- 1.30 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6LBS	1.40 - 1.50 lbs.
Doves	- 6.75 ea.
Ducklings	1.90 - 2.20 ea.
Finch	10.00 - 13.00 ea.
Geese 9-14LBS	1.90 - 2.00 lbs.
Goats	70.00 - 90.00 ea.
Guinea Fowl	3.20 - 3.50 lbs.
Guinea Pigs	.50 - 1.00 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	- 1.40 lbs.
Pekin Ducks	7.50 - 10.00 ea.
Pheasants	12.00 - 30.00 ea.
Pigeons	3.50 - 4.00 ea.
Pullets 4-6LBS	- 1.15 lbs.
Rabbits 6-9LBS	2.30 - 2.50 lbs.
Rabbits 4-6LBS	2.95 - 3.10 lbs.
Red Fowl 4-5LBS	.60 - .70 lbs.
Silkie	3.00 - 4.00 ea.
Banty Roosters	5.00 - 5.50 ea.
Turkey Poult	6.00 - 8.00 ea.
Cockatiels	19.00 - 22.00 ea.
Goose Eggs	2.00 - 2.30 ea.
Peacocks	55.00 - 70.00 ea.
Total Coops Sold	3921

NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS**NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS****LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL**

Prices are trending steady to instances firm. Supplies are sufficient for the moderate demand. Processing schedules are normal to less than normal due to the extended Religious holiday weekend. Retail feature activity is moderate with the majority of interest split between the Southeast and South Central Regions. Finished product supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is moderate.

Final prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
	8.5 – 19.5	13.40

(Southeast Region broiler breeder hens generally for processing, 7 lbs. and up; under 7 lbs. subject to discount.)

LIVE SPENT LIGHT FOWL

Prices continue to trend steady for the light to moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are sufficient for current needs. Processing schedules are normal to less than normal with some operations down due to the Religious holiday weekend. Market activity is slow to moderate. The majority price for removal costs remains unchanged at 0-7 cents per head.

(live hens are predominately egg-layers averaging about 3.5 lbs. live weight per bird.)

Eastern region = AL, CT, DE, GA, KY, MA, MD, ME, MS, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, TN, VA, VT, and WV; North Central = IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI; South Central = AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX.

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