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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Whole bird prices are trending about steady to steady overall. Offerings of all sizes are light to instances moderately heavy, mostly light to moderate for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate with some buyers starting to look at Mother's Day needs. Floor stocks are mixed. In the Midwest trucking issues persist in regard to availability and higher freight rates. 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 bone-in breast, tenders and dark meat items. All other parts are steady. Offerings are light for bone-in breast, and tenders with good movement. Wings and most dark meat items are light to moderate, remaining parts are moderate. Market activity for parts is moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate. Weights are desirable to heavy.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK The quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains 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. 20, 2011.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	205.00
BREASTS - B/S	158.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	102.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	134.50
THIGHS	73.00
DRUMSTICKS	67.00
LEG QUARTERS	54.00
WINGS	187.50

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

NORTHEAST REGION Prices are trending generally steady for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity for ready-to-cook whole broiler fryers is light to moderate for mid-week trading as dealers limited orders to regular commitments. Offerings of all sizes are fully sufficient for current needs. Trade activity is slow to moderate. In the parts complex, offerings of bone-in breast, tenders and thigh meat are light and moving well; wings and boneless skinless breast are moderate for current needs.

MIDWEST REGION Prices for whole birds are trending steady with offers light to moderate. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate with best movement on eight piece cut-ups and breast meat. Fast food demand is moderate to instances good. Floor stocks are mixed. Sizes are light to heavy. Whole bird market activity is light to moderate. Supplies of tenders and dark meat are light with the balance of parts light to moderate. Prices trended steady to firm on dark meat items and tenders with the balance of white meat items steady. Parts market activity is light to moderate. Trucking issues persist in regard to availability and higher freight rates.

WESTERN REGION The Wednesday Los Angeles delivered quote is 102 cents, unchanged from last week. The market on whole broilers is steady. The WOG market is steady to instances weak with offerings steady to sometimes lower. Offerings light to moderately heavy, mostly moderate with over 3 lb. sizes the most available. Retail and foodservice demand light to moderate. Floor stocks moderate. Weights desirable. The market on boneless skinless breasts is steady to instances weak with a few finding lower trending offering prices, bone-in breasts steady to firm with offering prices unchanged to higher, wings steady to instances weak and tenderloins at least steady. The market on legs and leg meat is steady with the balance of dark items steady to firm with drums strongest. Demand light to moderate with interest found for May shipments. Offerings light to moderately heavy, mostly light to moderate with boneless skinless breasts the most available. Movement light to moderate.

SOUTHERN REGION Whole broiler/fryer prices are about steady. Offerings of all sizes are mostly moderate. Demand for mid-week business is moderate with trading usually limited to regular commitments. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate. Prices are trending firm to higher for dark meat items and tenders, steady to firm for whole breast and steady for the balance of items. Offerings are light for tenders and dark meat items with drums in the best position and moving well. Breast items are light to moderate and the remaining parts are moderate. Market activity is moderate to instances active. 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 199 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 14, 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 164 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 14, 2012. Placements were down 5 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2012 through April 14, 2012 were 2.44 billion, down 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED 19 Selected State Total

Week Ending 04/14/12	2012	2011	Percent Change Previous Year
	(thousand)		
Eggs Set	199,073	208,968	-05
Chicks Placed	164,225	173,110	-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 26-May-12 is estimated at 151.6 million head. This compares to 152.1 million head the previous week and to 162.6 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 165.5 million head and the composite weighted average price was 82.34 cents per pound.

APR 17

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

APR 18

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	394	120.00-162.00	-	126.83	BREAST - B/S	491	120.00-167.00	-	124.63
TENDERLOINS	127	159.00-175.00	-	168.06	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)	315	48.00-51.00	-	49.25	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	365	48.00-51.00	-	49.21
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	757	50.00-53.00	-	51.22	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	339	50.00-53.00	-	51.23
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
61.00 - 65.00	62.74	61.50 - 65.00	63.34	63.52

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 bone-in breast, tenders and thigh meat; steady to firm for drums, legs and leg quarters and steady for the balance of items. Trucklot buying activity is moderate for mid-week trading. Offerings of bone-in breast and tenders are light and moving well; wings and most dark meat cuts are light to moderate and boneless skinless breast are sufficient for current needs. Movement is moderate.

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

APR 17 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	APR 18 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	150-155	137.06	953,480	BREAST - B/S	150-155	136.55	656,800
TENDERLOINS	175-180	175.29	240,000	TENDERLOINS	175-180	169.70	144,080
BREAST - WITH RIBS	96-97	107.82	70,468	BREAST - WITH RIBS	97-98	109.33	58,548
BREAST - LINE RUN	96	99.47	75,052	BREAST - LINE RUN	97	97.04	105,649
LEGS	73-74	72.62	133,000	LEGS	73-74	74.01	200,080
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	49-50	52.83	338,640	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	49-50	54.20	80,760
DRUMSTICKS	59-60	66.10	107,760	DRUMSTICKS	60-61	70.04	80,120
THIGHS	74-75	81.45	72,440	THIGHS	75-76	81.75	63,120
B/S THIGHS	135-136	135.23	97,960	B/S THIGHS	136-137	135.22	88,160
WINGS (WHOLE)	185-186	174.41	247,360	WINGS (WHOLE)	185-186	180.28	221,720
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	5,230	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	6,257
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	52.04	13,380	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	52.90	9,660
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.04	27,440	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	73.14	22,800

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	3,783	3,992	3,678	4,375	5.58	5.53	3,631	5.68	
Arkansas	4,733	4,725	4,609	3,555	5.62	5.62	4,366	5.61	
Delmarva	2,057	2,050	2,058	1,996	6.47	6.27	2,097	(A)	
KY-LA-TN	2,486	2,461	2,406	2,498	5.32	5.08	2,488	(A)	
Mississippi	2,895	2,838	2,843	2,867	6.21	6.14	2,811	6.10	
North Carolina	2,663	2,702	2,445	2,756	7.21	7.30	2,353	7.36	
Texas	2,400	2,369	2,167	2,546	6.10	6.07	2,404	6.09	
Total	21,017	21,137	20,206	20,593	5.99	5.95	20,150	6.00	
Mon-Wed	63,177	(B)					59,772	(B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations
 (B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 18-Apr-12 is estimated to be 31,444,000 head up 3.99 percent from a week ago and down 1.09 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,237,000, last year 31,792,000)

**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 21-Apr-12

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK
	04/21/12 (1)		04/14/12
	----- Thousand head -----		
Broiler/fryer	155,261	(2)	151,101
Light hens	2,046		2,011
Heavy hens	1,500		1,432
Total	158,807		154,544

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 21-Apr-12 is 153.4 million head compared to 156.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 155.6 million head or 2.2 million less than estimated available. For the week of 28-Apr-12 the estimated available is 153.3 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers

(Including government stocks) (In thousands)

		PROCESSED TURKEYS	PROCESSED POULTRY
		LBS	LBS
AM	04/16/12	145,370	37,107
AM	04/01/12	134,992	37,773
CHG		10,378	-666
PCT CHG		8%	-2%

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (In Thousands)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	04/16/12	04/09/12	04/18/11	04/16/12	04/09/12	04/18/11
PACIFIC COAST	240	246	175	878	891	3,738
LOS ANGELES	95	99	92	324	299	1,082

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

All Papers Required To Sell All Out of State Poultry

	LOW HIGH AVG			FOR 04/17/12			
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG	
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	3.50	5.00	4.23
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	3.50	10.00	6.74
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.50	5.00	1.04
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	5.00	17.50	8.68
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	4.75	6.50	5.63
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	3.50	15.00	8.79
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	2.00	3.60	2.83	RABBITS ea.	-	5.00	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	3.50	9.00	6.34
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	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 90

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending April 13, 2012

	Whole Chickens		Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	65.62	138.15	65.62	20.72	6.91	79.44
High	68.39	151.97	79.44	27.63	10.36	79.44
Mostly	65.62	145.06	72.53	22.45	6.91	79.44
SAN JUAN						
Low	65.62	134.70	62.17	20.72	6.91	79.44
High	68.39	148.51	75.98	27.63	10.36	79.44
Mostly	65.62	141.61	69.08	20.72	6.91	79.44
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	65.62	138.15	69.08	24.18	10.36	82.89
High	69.08	155.42	82.89	31.08	13.82	82.89
Mostly	65.62	148.51	75.98	25.90	10.36	82.89
BECERRA						
Low	67.35	141.61	69.08	24.18	10.36	82.89
High	69.77	155.42	86.35	34.54	13.82	82.89
Mostly	69.08	148.51	79.44	27.63	10.36	82.89

NATIONAL FOWL MARKET April 13, 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 continued unchanged at 85 to 90 cents with an about steady to steady trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is light to instances moderate for mid-week business. Offerings of all sizes are mostly moderate. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but noted as desirable. Processing schedules are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts complex, offerings ranged light to moderate with tenders in the tightest 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	68-100
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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