



## MIDWEST REGION DISTRIBUTOR REPORT

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### Chicago Broiler/Fryer

Preliminary for Delivery the Week of 23-Apr-2012

	Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Whole Body 1/	68-91	73-79	75.38	34

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

### Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter

Under Federal Inspection for Week Ending 21-Apr-12

	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	155,261	151,101

### Georgia Fob Dock Prices

Wed - 93.25

Fri Preliminary Wtd Avg - 92.63

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

Item	Wtd Avg (cents/lb)	Volume (000 lbs)
Line Run Tenders	208.50	984
Breasts - B/S	160.00	4,367
Breasts - Whole	100.50	920
Thigh Meat - B/S	131.50	808
Thighs	73.00	735
Drumsticks	72.00	727
Leg Quarters	54.00	5,245
Wings	187.50	2,188

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

**Midwest Region Broiler/Fryer** Preliminary majority prices into Chicago were unchanged to lower for next week. Whole bird prices are steady with offers light. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate at best. Fast food demand is normal to good with best movement on eight piece cut-ups going into the weekend. Floor stocks are mixed. Weights are desirable to heavy. Whole bird market activity is light. Parts supplies are light to moderate with bone-in breasts, tenders, drums, thighs, and thigh meat in the tightest position. Prices trended firm to higher on bone-in breasts, tenders, drums, thighs, and thigh meat; wings steady to lower; and the balance of parts steady. Parts market activity is light.

### Weekly National Frozen Whole Young Turkeys,

Weighted Average Prices, cents per pound, FOB Shipper Dock Basis - Week Ending April 20, 2012

**FROZEN Whole Body Turkeys** - commodity pack or equivalent; minimum 10,000 lb. lots; current negotiation for delivery within two weeks.

U.S. Grade A - FROZEN	Current Week		Last Week		Last Year		March Averages		
	wtd avg (cents/lb.)	volume (000 lbs.)	wtd avg (cents/lb.)	volume (000 lbs.)	wtd avg (cents/lb.)	volume (000 lbs.)	This Month	Last Month	Last Year
<b>8-16 lb. (Hens)</b>	110.00	480	107.25	200	96.80 <sup>1</sup>		103.70	100.15	92.38
<b>16-24 lb. (Toms)</b>	107.83	436	106.73	560	102.74	27	104.45	100.17	92.33

<sup>1</sup>based on offers.

### Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week Ending 14-Apr-2012 (Preliminary)

#### Live Poultry - Young Chickens

	---thousands---
Head	153,060
Avg Wt	5.79
Last week	147,760
Same wk yr ago	160,335
Avg Wt	5.77
To-date/2012*	2,246,421
To-date/2011*	2,395,393
% Change YTD	-6%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage	
Current week	669,094
Last week	630,307
Same wk yr ago	689,224
To-date/2012*	9,662,508
To-date/2011*	10,152,604
% Change YTD	-5%

#### Live Turkeys - Young Hens

	-----thousands-----	
Head	1,926	2,516
Avg Wt	15.67	40.18
Last week	1,593	2,336
Same wk yr ago	1,928	2,500
Avg Wt	16.94	39.79
To-date/2012*	26,401	37,091
To-date/2011*	26,283	37,927
% Change YTD	0%	-2%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage		
Current week	24,145	80,868
Last week	21,709	74,834
Same wk yr ago	25,965	79,083
To-date/2012*	357,101	1,222,095
To-date/2011*	360,081	1,201,073
% Change YTD	-1%	2%

Dressing % 75.5%

Dressing % 80.0% 80.0%

(A) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update. \*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

### Fresh Beef Cuts

#### FOB Negotiated

	Price Range	Wtd Avg
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	582.00 621.21	595.96
168 3 Round, top inside round	200.00 221.00	210.94
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	527.00 598.00	547.85
Ground Beef 81%	183.00 205.00	193.00

Source: USDA/AMS, Livestock and Grain Market News