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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Whole bird prices are steady to weak in the East, steady elsewhere. Final majority prices are unchanged in all areas when compared to last week prices. Offering all of sizes are light to available, mostly light to moderate for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is light to good, mostly light to moderate entering the week. Floor stocks are mixed. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for late week business. Prices are trending firm to higher for drums, thighs, tenders, thigh meat and bone-in breast. Prices are weak to lower for wings and steady for all other parts. Offerings are light for drums and thighs with good movement. Bone-in breast and tenders are in good supply and moving well. Wings and boneless skinless breast are moderate to heavy and slow to clear. Market activity for parts is moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate. Weights are desirable to heavy.



FINAL BROILER FRYER prices negotiated for trucklot sales of RTC broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers and FOB at major market areas (cents per lb) week of 23-Apr-2012

	Grade A		Loads	Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg		Wtd Avg	Loads
Delivered to First Receivers 1/:					
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	77.34	14
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	77.19	11
Denver	TFEWR		:	92.21	11
Detroit	TFEWR		:	77.72	26
Los Angeles	102.00	101.76	31 :	90.74	77
New York	82.00-85.00	83.45	22 :	83.93	49
Philadelphia	81.50-83.00	82.05	11 :	82.74	23
Pittsburgh	81.00-84.00	82.55	11 :	87.06	54
St. Louis	TFEWR		:	77.57	14
San Francisco	102.50	102.42	12 :	93.94	34

	Whole Body 2/:		Loads	Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg		Wtd Avg	Loads
Chicago	73.00-79.00		:	75.73	45

Loads	04/23/12	Change Last Wk	04/16/12	04/25/11
358	84.43	.02	84.41	83.42

WOG broiler 4/:	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Eastern	84.00-87.00	84.81	36
Central	70.00-79.00	76.00	76
Western	72.00-87.00	85.12	47

FOB Dock Equivalent 5/:
Mississippi 80.00-84.00 80.50 20

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 F.O.B. 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 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
968	80.00-96.74	92.02

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	208.50	1,700
BREASTS - B/S	159.50	7,468
BREASTS - WHOLE	101.00	1,460
THIGH MEAT - B/S	131.50	1,216
THIGHS	73.00	1,102
DRUMSTICKS	73.50	1,272
LEG QUARTERS	54.00	9,469
WINGS	187.00	3,715

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

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS 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 entering the week. Offerings of all sizes are available and slow in clearing. Trade activity is slow. In the parts complex, supplies of drums are light and clearing well; bone-in breast, tenders and most dark meat cuts are light to moderate. Wings are available and often discounted where product was in excess.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYER Prices for whole broiler/fryers are steady at best. Offerings are mostly moderate. Demand into all channels is light to moderate following the weekend. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is moderate for early week business. Prices are firm to higher for drums and thighs. Wings are weak to lower and slow to clear. Bone-in breast is steady to firm. Offerings of drums are light with good movement. Whole breast, thighs and tenders are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majorities are unchanged from last Monday's. The market is steady on whole whole fryers and WOGs steady to weak with over 3 lb. sizes weakest. Offers light to moderate. Retail and foodservice demand moderate to good, mostly moderate. Floor stocks moderate. Parts demand is light to good, mostly moderate. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts moderate, balance of items light to moderate. Sizes desirable. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average is 81.03 cents, down 2.05 cents on 36 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS - Final majority prices are unchanged to lower into the Chicago market; Ohio cities, Detroit and St. Louis are TFEWR. Whole broiler fryer prices are steady with light offers. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate at best; fast food moderate. Floor stocks are mixed. Sizes desirable to heavy. Whole bird market activity is light. Parts supplies are light to moderate with wings in the longest position. Prices trended steady to higher on drums, thighs, thigh meat, bone-in breasts, and tenders; steady to lower on wings; and steady on the balance of parts. Market activity for parts is light.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Less-than-trucklot asking prices are unchanged at 85 to 90 cents with an about steady to steady trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is light to moderate entering the week as dealers assess market conditions. Offerings of all sizes are available for current trade needs. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processing schedules are moderate. Market activity ranged slow to moderate. In the parts complex, wings are moderate to at times heavy. The balance of supplies are light to moderate.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	65-100
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Prices are trending firm to higher for drums and thigh meat; steady to firm for bone-in breast, thighs and tenders. Wings are weak to lower and other items are steady. Trucklot buying activity is light to moderate as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Offerings of drums are light and clearing well; bone-in breast, thighs and tenders are light to moderate for current needs. Wings are 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

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS.
BREAST - B/S	150-155	134.36	564,160
TENDERLOINS	175-180	174.88	142,720
BREAST - WITH RIBS	98-99	113.39	56,388
BREAST - LINE RUN	98	100.51	65,050
LEGS	73-74	74.56	79,840
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	49-50	54.35	182,640
DRUMSTICKS	64-65	69.33	118,720
THIGHS	76-77	88.42	45,600
B/S THIGHS	138-139	137.48	63,480
WINGS (WHOLE)	181-182	180.64	270,200
BACKS & NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	4,480
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	55.00	4,850
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.49	17,600

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
	04/23	04/19	04/19	04/16	04/12
Alabama	3,572	3,715	5.61	3,678	5.46
Arkansas	4,769	4,536	5.56	4,609	5.50
Delmarva	2,036	2,046	6.28	2,058	6.28
Ky-LA-TN	2,442	2,234	5.06	2,406	5.15
Mississippi	2,027	2,802	6.12	2,843	6.06
North Carolina	2,194	2,722	7.10	2,445	7.17
Texas	2,385	2,447	6.00	2,167	5.94
Total	19,425	20,502	5.92	20,206	5.88
Mon	19,425 (A)			20,206(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 23-Apr 2011 is estimated to be 29,062,000 down 4.15 percent from a week ago. and down 7.9 percent from a year ago. (last week 30,321,000 last year 31,562,000)

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)	440	48.00-51.00	-	49.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	365	50.00-54.00	-	51.37
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 23, 2012 -- F.O.B. DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
64.00 - 66.50	64.75	64.07

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 23-APR-2012 TO 27-APR-2012, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	123.00 - 142.00	127.00 - 132.00
TENDERLOINS	171.00 - 190.00	176.00 - 182.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	96.00 - 111.00	96.00 - 105.00
LEGS	71.00 - 78.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	45.00 - 57.00	51.00 - 55.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	52.00 - 59.00	53.00 - 55.00
DRUMSTICKS	58.00 - 68.00	-
THIGHS	61.00 - 84.00	-
B/S THIGHS	127.00 - 146.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	175.00 - 193.00	-
BACKS & NECKS (STRIPPED)	17.00 - 40.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 49.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 59.00	-

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.)

Prices trended mostly steady on MSC. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Schedules are normal. Domestic and export demand is light to moderate. The spot marketplace remains slow with industry anticipating interest and buying to pick up as buyer build inventories of finished goods for the summer season. Meanwhile, producers maintain a cautious and conservative outlook on the future marketplace and continue to utilize all options available to stay ahead on spot sales of MSC in the present. Market activity is light to moderate. Raw material supplies are moderate to heavy. Spot frame trading is between 11-14 cents FOB, mostly 12-13 FOB.

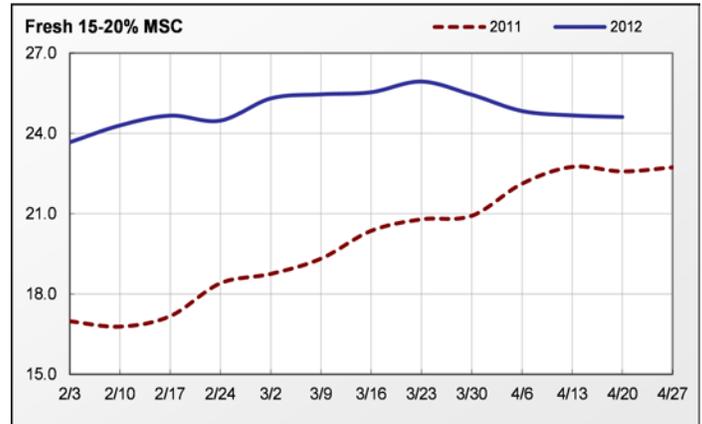
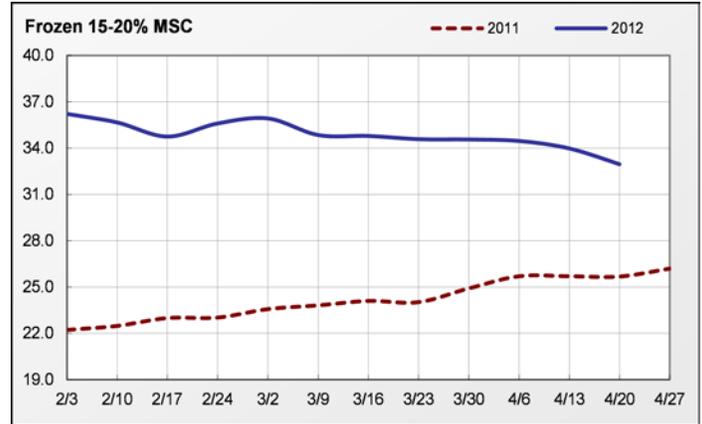
Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	20-Apr-12	Last Week	Last Year	20-Apr-12	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			-	-	24.00 - 25.00	25.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	-	24.80	25.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	204	122
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	28.00 - 37.00	31.00 - 37.00	24.00-28.00	18.00 - 27.00	22.00 - 28.00	19.00-27.00
Wtd Avg Price	32.96	33.98	25.68	24.61	24.68	22.58
Volume Traded	2,241	1,466	1,659	3,259	3,231	3,487
Volume Exported	1,601	1,306	1,359	204	571	-
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.50	22.50	18.00-20.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.50	22.50	19.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	41	41	82
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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