



NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Whole bird prices are steady to weak in the East, steady elsewhere. Offerings all of sizes ranged light to heavy, mostly moderate for mid week business. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate. Floor stocks are mixed. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is slow to moderate for mid-week trading. Prices are trending firm to higher for drums, thighs, tenders, thigh meat and bone- in breasts. Prices are weak to lower for wings and mostly steady for all other parts. Offerings are light for drums and bone-in breast and tenders are light to moderate. Wings and boneless skinless breast are moderate to heavy and slow to clear. Market activity for parts is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate. Weights are mixed, but noted as desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK The Georgia f.o.b. dock 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. 27, 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	206.50
BREASTS - B/S	157.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	102.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	136.50
THIGHS	74.00
DRUMSTICKS	68.00
LEG QUARTERS	54.00
WINGS	185.50

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

NORTHEAST REGION Prices are trending steady at best for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity for ready-to-cook whole broiler fryers is light for mid-week trading. Offerings of all sizes are moderate to heavy for current needs. Trade activity is slow. In the parts complex, offerings of drums are light and moving well; tenders and bone-in breasts are light to moderate. Boneless skinless breasts are moderate to heavy and wings are available with light movement.

MIDWEST REGION Whole bird prices are steady. Offerings are light to moderate. Demand into retail and food service channels is light to moderate for the last week of April. Fast food demand is normal to instances good, especially on eight piece cut-ups and promotional items. Floor stocks are mixed with buyers keeping a close eye on inventories. Weights are desirable to instances heavy. Whole bird market activity is light. Parts supplies are moderate to heavy on wings, legs, and leg meat with the balance of parts light to moderate. Prices trended firm to higher on drums; firm on bone- in breasts, tenders, thighs, and thigh meat; steady to lower on wings and legs; and steady on the remainder of parts. Parts market activity is light.

WESTERN REGION The Los Angeles delivered quote is 102 cents, unchanged from last week. The market on whole broilers is steady. The WOG market is steady with some isolated unsettledness reported. Offerings light to moderate. Retail demand light to moderate and foodservice demand mostly moderate. Some buyers are purchasing ahead for next week in anticipation of improved first of the month business and the impending up-coming Mother's Day weekend. Floor stocks moderate. Weights desirable. The market on boneless skinless breasts is steady, bone-in breasts steady to firm, tenderloins steady with a firm undertone, wings steady to weak with offering prices unchanged to lower. The market on legs and leg meat is steady to weak with offering prices unchanged to lower, leg quarters steady, balance of dark items steady to firm with offering prices unchanged to higher. Some industry members are not seeing the strength or tightness on drums others are while others watch with interest developments into export markets on leg quarters. Demand light to mostly moderate. Offerings at least moderate on jumbo legs and leg meat, balance light to moderate. Movement light to mostly moderate.

SOUTHERN REGION Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending no better than steady. Offerings of all sizes are readily available to handle limited trade needs. Demand into all channels is light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate. Prices are trending firm to higher for drums and tenders, weak for wings and legs, and mostly steady for all other parts. Offerings are light to moderate for dark meat, but more available for legs. Wings are moderate to heavy and breast items are mostly sufficient. Market activity is slow to 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 200 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 21, 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 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 21, 2012. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2012 through April 21, 2012 were 2.61 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 04/21/12	2012	2011	Percent Change Previous Year
	(thousand)		
Eggs Set	200,084	209,132	-04
Chicks Placed	166,522	172,008	-03

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 02-Jun-12 is estimated at 152.5 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 167.6 million head and the composite weighted average price was 82.66 cents per pound.

APR 24

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

APR 25

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)	455	48.00-51.00	-	49.04	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	445	48.00-51.00	-	49.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	384	50.00-54.00	-	51.75	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	540	50.00-54.00	-	51.74
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
64.00 – 66.50	64.72	64.00 – 66.00	64.63	64.73

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; steady to firm for bone-in breast, thigh meat and tenders. Wings are weak to lower and legs and leg quarters are steady to weak. Trucklot buying activity is light to moderate for mid-week trading. Offerings of drums are light and clearing well; bone-in breast and tenders are light to moderate for current needs. Wings are readily available with discounting noted. Dark meat cuts are moderate to heavy. Movement is slow to moderate.

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

APR 24 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	APR 25 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	150-155	136.45	833,400	BREAST - B/S	150-155	136.57	595,000
TENDERLOINS	175-180	176.84	197,920	TENDERLOINS	175-180	176.78	133,720
BREAST - WITH RIBS	98-99	118.00	12,200	BREAST - WITH RIBS	98-99	117.30	41,134
BREAST - LINE RUN	98	98.65	109,319	BREAST - LINE RUN	98	101.07	70,854
LEGS	73-74	72.03	139,520	LEGS	71-72	74.05	106,760
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	49-50	52.60	312,480	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	49-50	53.48	128,400
DRUMSTICKS	65-66	71.46	45,760	DRUMSTICKS	66-67	73.65	21,400
THIGHS	76-77	92.38	51,000	THIGHS	76-77	94.65	11,000
B/S THIGHS	138-139	137.18	114,720	B/S THIGHS	138-139	137.51	78,200
WINGS (WHOLE)	180-181	174.43	221,320	WINGS (WHOLE)	179-180	174.87	203,560
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	17.05	5,601	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	5,478
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	51.89	13,050	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	51.23	10,350
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.14	20,360	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.13	21,680

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	3,276	3,731	3,604	3,940	5.80	5.53	3,562	5.58	
Arkansas	4,596	4,862	4,688	3,287	5.69	5.28	4,723	5.62	
Delmarva	2,052	2,035	2,014	2,040	6.41	6.20	2,054	6.47	
KY-LA-TN	2,435	2,470	2,400	2,553	5.36	5.12	2,419	5.32	
Mississippi	2,715	2,779	2,001	2,797	6.57	6.07	2,855	6.21	
North Carolina	2,467	2,704	2,167	2,507	7.58	7.18	2,515	7.21	
Texas	2,374	2,831	2,396	2,893	6.20	5.84	2,306	6.10	
Total	19,915	21,412	19,270	20,017	6.11	5.83	20,434	5.99	
Mon-Wed	60,752	(A)					61,412	(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 25-Apr-12 is estimated to be 29,795,000 head down 2.83 percent from a week ago and down 4.91 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,663,000, last year 31,332,000)

**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 28-Apr-12

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	04/28/12 (1)		04/21/12	
	----- Thousand head -----			
Broiler/fryer	152,091	(2)	155,261	
Light hens	2,061		2,046	
Heavy hens	1,439		1,500	
Total	155,591		158,807	

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 28-Apr-12 is 153.3 million head compared to 158.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 152.4 million head or 0.9 million less than estimated available. For the week of 05-May-12 the estimated available is 154.2 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers

(Including government stocks) (In thousands)

		PROCESSED TURKEYS		PROCESSED POULTRY	
		LBS		LBS	
AM	04/23/12	151,516		29,261	
AM	04/01/12	134,992		37,773	
CHG		16,524		-8,512	
PCT CHG		12%		-23%	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (In Thousands)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	04/23/12	04/16/12	04/25/11	04/23/12	04/16/12	04/25/11
PACIFIC						
COAST	236	240	168	903	878	3,582
LOS ANGELES	93	95	85	300	324	992

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

All Papers Required To Sell All Out of State Poultry

	LOW HIGH AVG				LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	3.75	6.50	5.11
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	3.75	6.00	4.92
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.60	4.75	1.85
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	4.00	7.75	5.88
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.25	6.00	2.12
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	9.00	10.00	9.36
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	11.50	-
RABBITS lb.	1.20	2.50	1.80	RABBITS ea.	3.75	5.25	4.43
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	-	5.00	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	2.00	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	.90	4.00	1.18	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 75

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending April 20, 2012

	Whole		Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts				
RAYON						
Low	64.41	138.52	69.26	20.78	6.93	79.65
High	66.83	155.83	83.11	27.70	10.39	79.65
Mostly	65.80	148.91	76.18	20.78	6.93	79.65
SAN JUAN						
Low	63.37	138.52	65.80	17.31	6.93	79.65
High	65.80	152.37	79.65	24.24	10.39	79.65
Mostly	65.80	148.91	72.72	19.05	6.93	79.65
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	65.10	138.52	72.72	20.78	10.39	79.65
High	66.83	159.29	86.57	27.70	13.85	79.65
Mostly	65.80	152.37	79.65	22.51	10.39	79.65
BECERRA						
Low	65.80	141.98	76.18	24.24	10.39	79.65
High	68.57	159.29	90.04	31.17	13.85	79.65
Mostly	65.80	152.37	83.11	24.24	10.39	79.65

NATIONAL FOWL MARKET April 20, 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 remained unchanged at 85 to 90 cents with an about steady trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is light for mid-week business. Offerings of all sizes are moderate for present trade needs. 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, wings are moderate to heavy. The balance of parts 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	67-100
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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