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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Whole bird prices are steady to instances weak in the East, steady elsewhere. Final majority prices are in a larger range in the Midwest, down 1 cents in the East and unchanged in the West when compared to last week prices. Offerings cover the full range, mostly moderate for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate for end of the month business. Floor stocks are mixed. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate. Prices are trending steady to firm for tenders and dark meat items with the exception of legs which are steady to weak. Wings and breast items are steady to weak with smaller wings in the weakest position. Offerings are light for tenders and clearing well. Boneless skinless breast are light to moderate, wings and bone-in breast are available. Dark meat items are moderate to heavy. Market activity for parts is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate. Weights are mixed, but noted as desirable.

**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 30-Apr-2012

	Grade A		Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg
<b>Delivered to First Receivers 1/:</b>				
Boston/New England	TFEWR	:	78.64	14
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	:	78.88	11
Denver	TFEWR	:	92.11	9
Detroit	TFEWR	:	78.40	28
Los Angeles	102.00	101.78	30 :	92.64 80
New York	81.00-84.00	82.60	20 :	84.40 41
Philadelphia	80.50-82.00	80.91	11 :	82.07 22
Pittsburgh	80.00-83.00	81.64	11 :	86.95 53
St. Louis	TFEWR	:	77.18	16
San Francisco	102.50	102.33	12 :	96.78 27

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:

	Whole Body 2/:		Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg
Chicago	70.00-80.00	:	75.69	53

Composite Weighted Average 3/:

Loads	04/30/12	Change Last Wk	04/23/12	05/02/11
354	85.11	.68	84.43	83.78

WOG broiler 4/:	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Eastern	86.00-88.00	86.72	31
Central	69.00-80.00	76.15	86
Western	79.00-87.00	85.22	42

FOB Dock Equivalent 5/:

Mississippi	80.00-84.00	80.45	22
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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	FRIDAY PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
967	80.00-99.79	92.22

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	210.00	1,664
BREASTS - B/S	159.50	7,432
BREASTS - WHOLE	102.50	1,424
THIGH MEAT - B/S	135.00	1,144
THIGHS	75.00	1,107
DRUMSTICKS	75.00	1,277
LEG QUARTERS	54.00	9,464
WINGS	183.00	3,643

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

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Prices are trending steady to instances 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 more than sufficient for current needs. Trade activity is slow. In the parts complex, supplies of tenders are light and clearing well; drums and boneless skinless breast are light to moderate. Wings and bone-in breast are heavy with light movement.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYER** Prices for whole broiler/fryers are trending steady. Offerings are moderate for current trade needs. Demand into all channels is moderate following the weekend. Market activity is moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for early week business. Prices are trending steady to weak for wings and breast items, steady to firm for tenders and steady for dark meat. Offerings for wings and breast items are moderate to heavy, light to moderate for tenders and dark meat items and moderate for the balance of parts. 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 fryers and WOGs are steady to instances firm. Offers light to moderate. Retail and foodservice demand moderate to instances good. Some retail buyers are anticipating increased activity where attractive ads are a factor while others see increased competition from attractively priced red meat items. Floor stocks moderate. Parts demand is generally moderate. Offerings light to moderate. Sizes desirable. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average is 82.77 cents, up 1.74 cents on 31 loads.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** - Final majority prices are in a larger range into Chicago; 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 going into the first of May; fast food moderate to good. Floor stocks are mixed. Sizes light to heavy. Whole bird market activity is light. Parts supplies are light to moderate with wings, bone-in breasts, legs, and leg meat available. Prices trended steady to firm on drums, thighs, thigh meat, and tenders; steady to lower on wings, bone-in breasts, legs, and leg meat; and steady on the rest. Market activity for parts is light.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Less-than-trucklot asking prices are unchanged at 84 to 90 cents with an about steady to steady trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is mostly light entering the week as dealers assess current market conditions. Offerings are moderate for trade needs. 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, wings and breast cuts are moderate to heavy. The balance of parts are light to moderate with tenders in the best position.

	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
Range	60-102
Weighted Average	(A)
No. Of Boxes	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Prices are trending steady to firm for tenders, drums and boneless skinless breast. Wings and bone-in breast are steady to weak. Trucklot buying activity is light to moderate. Offerings of tenders are light and clearing satisfactorily; boneless skinless breasts are light to moderate and wings and bone-in breast are available with light movement. Dark meat cuts are moderate to heavy 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

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS.
BREAST - B/S	150-155	134.92	679,560
TENDERLOINS	180	178.38	131,120
BREAST - WITH RIBS	97-98	112.73	51,462
BREAST - LINE RUN	97	98.95	65,907
LEGS	71-72	78.96	48,280
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	49-50	53.03	300,600
DRUMSTICKS	66-67	73.38	63,520
THIGHS	76-77	85.37	55,320
B/S THIGHS	139-140	139.20	49,280
WINGS (WHOLE)	178-179	174.30	215,560
BACKS & NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	17.11	5,200
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	53.22	7,560
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.07	9,280

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
	04/30	04/26	04/26	04/23	04/19
Alabama	3,629	3,760	5.69	3,604	5.61
Arkansas	4,333	4,386	5.41	4,688	5.56
Delmarva	2,060	2,031	6.16	2,014	6.28
Ky-LA-TN	2,448	2,469	5.16	2,400	5.06
Mississippi	2,420	2,852	6.20	2,001	6.12
North Carolina	2,717	2,657	7.22	2,167	7.10
Texas	1,864	2,458	5.94	2,396	6.00
Total	19,471	20,613	5.91	19,270	5.92
Mon	19,471(A)			19,270(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 30-Apr 2011 is estimated to be 29,131,000 up 0.74 percent from a week ago, and down 0.7 percent from a year ago. (last week 28,917,000 last year 29,328,000)

**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)	475	48.00-51.00	-	49.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	490	50.00-54.00	-	51.55
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 30, 2012 -- F.O.B. DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
63.50 - 66.00	64.57	64.67

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 30-APR-2012 TO 04-MAY-2012, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	124.00 - 142.00	132.00 - 141.00
TENDERLOINS	177.00 - 194.00	180.00 - 185.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	90.00 - 117.00	98.00 - 105.00
LEGS	69.00 - 75.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	48.00 - 62.00	50.00 - 53.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	52.00 - 58.00	53.00 - 55.00
DRUMSTICKS	62.00 - 70.00	-
THIGHS	61.00 - 84.00	-
B/S THIGHS	134.00 - 144.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	159.00 - 192.00	-
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

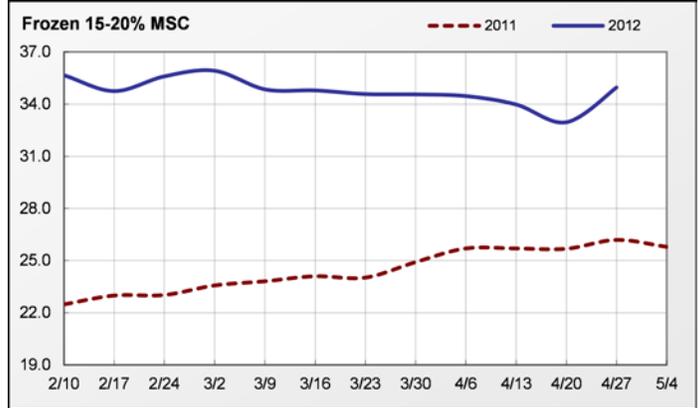
**National Mechanically Separated Chicken**

(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 are trending steady on MSC. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Schedules are mostly normal. Domestic and export demand is light to moderate. The spot marketplace is slow to moderate as producers were somewhat cautious and took a conservative outlook on the future marketplace and continue to utilize all options available to stay ahead on spot sales of MSC. Market activity is light to moderate. Supplies of raw material are moderate to heavy. Spot trading for frames was noted at 11-14 cents FOB, mostly 11-13.50 FOB.

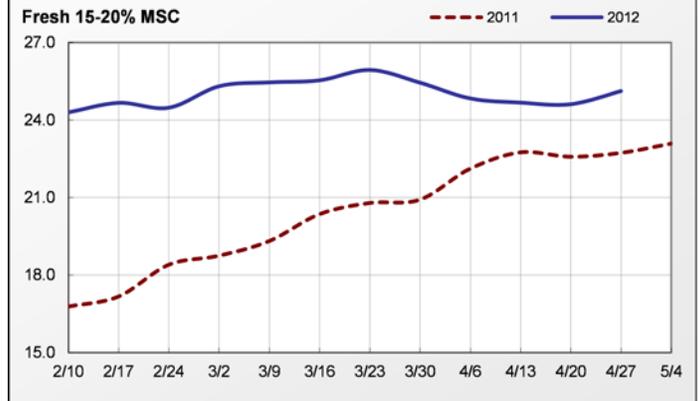
**Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)**

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	27-Apr-12	Last Week	Last Year	27-Apr-12	Last Week	Last Year
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Price Range			-	25.25	-	26.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	25.25	-	26.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	-	204
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Price Range	32.00 - 37.00	28.00 - 37.00	24.00-29.00	22.50 - 35.00	18.00 - 27.00	20.00-26.00
Wtd Avg Price	34.96	32.96	26.19	25.12	24.61	22.73
Volume Traded	1,175	2,241	1,898	4,002	3,259	3,345
Volume Exported	935	1,601	1,578	691	204	-
<b>20% or More</b>						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.50	22.50	20.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.50	22.50	20.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	41	122
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
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	26.92	27.56	20.83
Volume Traded	-	-	-	775	653	245
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
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
<b>20% or More</b>						
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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