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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Preliminary majority prices are trending firm to higher in all areas. Offerings are light to moderate for current needs. Retail and food service demand are in a full range but noted as mostly moderate to good entering the weekend. Floor stocks are balanced. Market activity is moderate to instances active. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for current trade needs. Prices are trending firm to higher for tenders and breast items; steady to weak for wings and mostly steady for the balance of items. Offerings of tenders and boneless skinless breasts are light and clearing well. Wings and most dark meat items are moderate to heavy with legs in the longest position. Market activity for parts is moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate. Weights are mixed, but noted as desirable.



### Preliminary Report

Prices negotiated for truck lot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers FOB Dock and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 07-May-2012 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A MAJORITY	RANGE	AVG	WTD LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
New York	82.00-85.00			
Los Angeles	103.00			
Whole Body 2/ Chicago	76.00-81.00	75.00-91.00	80.67	37
FOB Dock Equivalent 3/:				
Mississippi	81.00-86.00	74.00-90.00	82.65	20

1/: Includes branded product.

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

3/: Southeast area

### GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 93.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

#### PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG

LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG
730	87.01-99.82	92.91

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

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER LB)	VOL (000 LBS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	211.00	1,012
BREASTS - B/S	164.50	4,396
BREASTS - WHOLE	102.50	949
THIGH MEAT - B/S	137.00	811
THIGHS	75.50	740
DRUMSTICKS	74.00	732
LEG QUARTERS	54.50	5,301
WINGS	180.00	2,188

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

**MIDWEST BROILER/FRYER** Preliminary majority prices into Chicago were higher for next week. Whole bird prices are firm to higher with offers light. Retail and food service demand is light to instances good going into the weekend. Fast food demand is moderate to good, especially into promotions. Floor stocks are mixed. Weights are desirable. Whole bird market activity is light to moderate. Parts supplies are moderate to heavy on wings, bone-in breasts, legs, and leg meat; boneless skinless breasts and tenders light; and light to moderate on the balance of parts. Prices trended firm to higher boneless skinless breasts; firm on tenders; steady to weak on wings, bone-in breasts, legs, and leg meat; and steady on the remainder of parts. Parts market activity is light to moderate.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER** Prices are trending firm to higher for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity for ready-to-cook whole broiler fryers is moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes are light to moderate for current needs. Trade activity is moderate to active. In the parts complex, offerings of boneless skinless breasts and tenders are light and clearing well. Dark meat cuts are light to moderate and wings are more than sufficient for current needs.

**SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER** Prices for whole broiler/fryers are trending firm. Offerings are light for current trade needs. Demand into all channels is moderate to good entering the weekend. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for late week business. Prices are trending firm to higher for boneless skinless breast and tenders with good movement. All remaining parts are mostly moderate. Offerings for tenders and boneless skinless breast are light and held with confidence, dark meat items are in good supply and moving well and the balance of parts are moderate. Market activity is moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN BROILER/FRYER** The Los Angeles preliminary majority is 103 cents, 1 cent higher than last Monday's final. The market on whole broilers and WOGs is steady to firm with WOG prices unchanged to higher. Offerings light. Retail and foodservice demand moderate to good. Floor stocks light to moderate. Weights desirable. The market on boneless skinless breasts and tenderloins is firm with prices higher, bone-in breasts and wings mostly steady for next week's shipments. The market on legs and leg meat is steady to weak with prices unchanged to lower, drums firm with prices higher, balance of dark items steady. Demand mostly moderate to good. Offerings light to moderate on wings and bone-in breasts, legs and leg meat moderate to heavy, boneless skinless breasts and tenderloins light at best, and drums light. Movement moderate to good.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Less-than-trucklot asking prices are 1 cent higher at 85 to 91 cents with a firm to higher trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is moderate to good entering the weekend. Offerings are light to moderate for trade needs. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processing schedules are moderately heavy. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts complex, wings and bone-in breasts are moderate to heavy. The balance of parts are 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	63-100
Weighted Average	(A)
No. Of Boxes	(A)
Cumulative	(A)
	04/30/12-05/04/12
	05/02/11-05/06/11
No. Of Boxes	(A)
	04/30/12-05/04/12
	05/02/11-05/06/11
	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER 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.

May 03, 2012

May 04, 2012

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	WEEKLY POUNDS (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			952	132.78
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			696	172.79
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			235	80.35
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	197	48.00-51.00	-	49.60	267	48.00-51.00	-	49.66	1,491	49.47
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	415	50.00-54.00	-	52.59	387	50.00-53.00	-	51.15	2,300	52.17
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			247	177.62
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			71	62.27
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			223	136.25

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Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for May 03, 2012 -- f.o.b. dock.

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Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for May 04, 2012 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
64.00 - 65.50	64.80	64.00 - 67.00	65.41	64.90

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 PARTS** Prices are trending firm to higher for boneless skinless breast and tenders; steady to firm for most dark meat cuts and steady to weak for wings. Trucklot buying activity improved slightly entering the weekend but still noted as light to moderate overall. Offerings of tenders and boneless skinless breasts are light and clearing satisfactorily; light to moderate for dark meat cuts. Bone-in breast and wings are moderate to heavy. Movement is moderate.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

May 03, 2012

May 04, 2012

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS.	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS.	WEEKLY WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS.
BREAST - B/S	160	137.09	866,840	160-165	138.97	751,920	136.58	3,907,916
TENDERLOINS	180-185	180.44	217,360	180-185	178.92	231,120	179.43	910,540
BREAST - WITH RIBS	97-98	109.89	58,247	97-98	111.11	48,359	111.49	265,686
BREAST - LINE RUN	97	100.35	78,601	97	99.53	67,696	99.21	370,832
LEGS	71-72	77.39	104,200	71-72	74.14	81,560	75.73	463,840
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	49-50	53.13	394,053	49-50	52.90	244,613	53.14	1,466,106
DRUMSTICKS	66-67	73.21	114,880	66-67	70.92	137,018	73.27	455,338
THIGHS	76-77	82.99	78,680	76-77	84.83	73,680	83.33	343,960
B/S THIGHS	139-140	138.70	109,680	139-140	136.55	85,160	138.00	435,720
WINGS (WHOLE)	177-178	174.11	303,560	177-178	176.13	208,240	172.21	1,163,160
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	6,001	16-18	18.00	5,409	17.82	26,273
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	53.55	6,730	50-55	52.25	11,800	52.63	37,920
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	75.00	22,000	70-75	74.17	23,000	74.34	105,640

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND 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 (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS
	05/04	05/03	05/02	05/01	04/27
Alabama	4,024	3,798	3,676	3,712	5.67
Arkansas	3,562	4,529	4,645	4,020	5.46
Delmarva	2,357	1,978	2,089	2,083	6.30
Ky-LA-TN	2,479	2,514	2,507	2,419	5.30
Mississippi	2,842	2,772	2,811	2,789	6.20
North Carolina	2,629	2,723	2,686	2,655	7.28
Texas	2,390	2,406	2,423	2,448	6.02
Total	20,283	20,720	20,837	20,126	5.96
Mon-Friday	101,510 (A)				101,497 (A)
Saturday	1,153 (included in total for date shown)				1,358

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 04-May-12 and 05-May-12 is estimated to be 30,346,000 head down 2.15 percent from a week ago and down 15.17 percent from a year ago. (Last week 30,932,000, last year 35,772,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 05-May-12 is estimated to be 151,870,000 head down 0.60 percent from a week ago, and down 4.52 percent from a year ago. (Last week 152,792,000, last year 159,052,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

**CALIFORNIA PROCESSED POULTRY** (cents per pound)

**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

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

Week ending 28-Apr-2012

(Preliminary)	-----Thousands-----				
	(A) 4.25 lbs. & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs.	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs.	(D) 7.76 lbs. & up	Total
Head	34,958	63,246	26,435	28,153	152,792
Avg Live Wgt	3.85	5.39	6.77	8.50	5.85
% of total /1	23%	41%	17%	19%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	40,216	63,191	28,854	22,564	154,825
Avg Live Wgt	3.83	5.41	6.80	8.54	5.72
% of total /1	26%	41%	19%	14%	100%
Year Ago 2/	34,326	65,152	27,368	29,303	156,149
Avg Live Wgt	3.87	5.36	6.77	8.54	5.80
% of total /1	22%	42%	17%	19%	100%
To date/2012*	612,041	1,094,010	460,836	387,151	2,554,038
To date/2011*	639,534	1,207,350	454,296	405,019	2,706,199

1/ May not total to 100% due to rounding. 2/ Comparable week.

\*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

Weight Class Description: (A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens. (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms. (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors. (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

**WEEKLY POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

(Preliminary) Week ending 28-Apr-2012

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	152,792	1,998	1,429	3,427	428
Avg Wt	5.85	3.27	8.02	5.25	6.78
Last week	154,825	1,969	1,483	3,452	389
Same wk yr ago	156,149	1,576	1,504	3,080	426
Avg Wt	5.80	3.17	8.37	5.71	6.91
To-date/2012*	2,554,038	27,979	24,889	52,868	7,166
To-date/2011*	2,706,199	24,559	24,991	49,550	7,586
% Change YTD	-6%	14%	0%	7%	-6%
Ready-to-Cook Weightand Dressing Percentage					
Current week	674,844	3,430	7,850	11,280	2,104
Last week	668,627	3,246	8,046	11,292	1,935
Same wk yr ago	674,720	2,698	8,183	10,881	2,119
To-date/2012*	11,005,979	46,939	131,363	178,302	34,804
To-date/2011*	11,499,053	41,700	131,837	173,537	37,334
% Change YTD	-4%	13%	0%	3%	-7%
Dressing %	75.5%	52.5%	68.5%		72.5%

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 154.6 million head, or 1.3 million more than estimated available. (B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

\*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

**EST. U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

Week Ending	Million Head Slaughtered	Million Head Available*	Pct	Avg Wt
Mar 24	152.4	151.9	100%	5.73
31	151.6	152.2	100%	5.80
Apr 7	149.6	151.9	98%	5.65
14	154.9	152.9	101%	5.79
21	156.7	153.4	102%	5.72
28	154.6	153.3	101%	5.85
Year to date	2585.1	2585.4	100%	
May 5		154.2		
12		155.5		

\*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

**BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

Under Federal Inspection (in thousands)

WE	05/05/12	04/28/12	%chg	05/07/11	%chg
<b>Broilers</b>	151,870	152,792 <sup>1</sup>	-60	159,052 <sup>1</sup>	-4.52
<b>Cattle</b>	623	611	+02	659 <sup>2</sup>	-05
<b>Hogs</b>	2,069	2,092	-01	1,990 <sup>2</sup>	+04

<sup>1</sup> Actual data incorporated when available.<sup>2</sup> Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.**EASTERN REGION MISC. POULTRY**

For delivery the week of APRIL 30, 2012

**DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	221-225	226-232
MIDWEST	195-212	200-216

**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	74.00-85.25 80.00-84.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	78.00-91.00 82.00-87.00

**SQUABS:** NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

11 oz.	74.88-99.79
13 oz.	82.80-114.54
15 oz.	90.00-120.34

EASTERN REGION: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS** Prices continue to be steady.

Supplies are moderate for the light to moderate demand. Market activity is noted as seasonal, slow to moderate. Processing schedules are full-time. Prices paid, first receivers for 10-18 oz boneless breast at \$7.70-8.80, bone in legs at \$3.05-3.55, gizzards at \$1.20-1.75, wings at \$.75-.90, livers at \$1.25-2.05, and feet at \$.75-1.45 cents per lb.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 30-APR-2012

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	192-218	194-223

**GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION**

\*\*\*AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY\*\*\*

DATE OF AUCTION: MAY 01, 2012

PRICES PAID PER LB., EXCEPT AS NOTED

	RANGE
Banty Hens	4.00 - 5.00 ea.
White Pigeons	4.75 - 6.00 ea.
Broilers	1.10 - 1.15 ea.
Bunnies	4.00 - 12.00 ea.
Chicks	.40 - 1.30 ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9LBS	1.30 - 1.40 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11LBS	.90 - 1.05 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6LBS	1.90 - 2.90 lbs.
Doves	- 4.00 ea.
Ducklings	1.40 - 1.70 ea.
Geese 9-14LBS	2.00 - 2.30 lbs.
Goats	- 180.00 ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.80 - 2.00 lbs.
Guinea Pigs	1.00 - 2.00 ea.
Kid Goats	45.00 - 65.00 ea.
Leghorn Hens	1.60 - 2.10 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.90 - 2.00 lbs.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.80 - 2.20 lbs.
Parakeets	7.00 - 10.00 ea.
Pekin Ducks	9.00 - 11.00 ea.
Pigeons	3.75 - 4.00 ea.
Pullets 4-6LBS	- 1.15 lbs.
Rabbits 6-9LBS	2.40 - 2.50 lbs.
Rabbits 4-6LBS	2.75 - 3.00 lbs.
Red Fowl 5-6LBS	1.05 - 1.20 lbs.
Red Fowl 4-5LBS	.80 - .90 lbs.
Silkie	5.00 - 6.00 ea.
Banty Roosters	4.00 - 8.00 ea.
Fancy Bantams	12.00 - 27.00 ea.
Goose Eggs	3.20 - 3.40 ea.
Call Ducklings	7.00 - 10.00 ea.
Peacocks	65.00 - 130.00 ea.
Gosling	7.00 - 12.00 ea.
Total Coops Sold	4539

