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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Whole Final 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 following the weekend. Floor stocks are mixed. Market activity is moderate to mostly active. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for early week trading. Prices are trending firm to higher for tenders and breast items; steady to weak for wings and legs, 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.

FINAL Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers and FOB Dock at major market areas (cents per lb) Week of 07-MAY-2012

Grade A		Composite	
Majority	Wtd Avg	Load	Wtd Avg Loads
Delivered to First Receivers 1/:			
Boston/New England	TFEWR	:	80.54 13
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	:	81.28 14
Denver	TFEWR	:	93.91 11
Detroit	TFEWR	:	81.75 27
Los Angeles	103.00	102.32 25	: 94.30 56
New York	82.00-85.00	83.77 22	: 85.79 41
Philadelphia	81.50-83.00	82.33 12	: 83.24 23
Pittsburgh	81.00-84.00	83.18 11	: 87.90 52
St. Louis	TFEWR	:	80.69 15
San Francisco	103.50	101.86 7	: 93.10 21

Whole Body 2/:		Composite	
Majority	Wtd Avg Loads	Wtd Avg	Loads
Delivered to First Receivers 1/:			
Chicago	76.00-81.00	:	80.45 51

Composite Weighted Average 3/:				
Loads	05/07/12	Change Last Wk	04/30/12	05/09/11
324	86.87	1.76	85.11	84.58

WOG Broilers 4/:	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Eastern	87.00-89.00	88.66	29
Central	75.00-81.00	80.72	85
Western	82.00-90.00	87.68	34

FOB Dock Equivalent 5/:			
Mississippi	81.00-86.00	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/: Includes all whole birds shipped into listed cities including Chicago.
- 4/: Delivered first receiver, trucklot and less than trucklot volumes.
- 5/: Southeast area.

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES 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 1/12 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG	FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
958	82.00-99.82	92.45	

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	212.00	1,736
BREASTS - B/S	164.50	7,504
BREASTS - WHOLE	103.00	1,496
THIGH MEAT - B/S	137.00	1,221
THIGHS	75.50	1,112
DRUMSTICKS	75.50	1,282
LEG QUARTERS	54.50	9,541
WINGS	180.50	3,220

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

NORTHEAST Prices are trending firm to higher for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers is moderate to good as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Offerings of all sizes are in close balance and clearing well. Trade activity is moderate to active. In the parts complex, supplies of tenders and breast cuts are light with good movement; dark meat cuts are light to moderate and wings moderate to heavy for current needs.

SOUTHERN Prices for whole broiler/fryers are trending firm to higher. Offerings are light for current trade needs. Demand into all channels is moderate to good following the weekend. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for early week business. Prices are trending firm to higher for boneless skinless breast and tenders with good movement. Whole breast are steady to firm and 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, whole breast are light to moderate and the balance of parts are moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN Final majorities are 1 cent higher from last Monday's prices. The market is steady to firm. Offers light to moderate. Retail and foodservice demand moderate to instances good. Retail and food service demand is mostly moderate. Floor stocks moderate. Parts demand is generally moderate. Offerings light to moderate. Sizes desirable. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average is 86.27 cents, up 3.50 cents on 22 loads.

MIDWEST Final majority prices are higher into Chicago; Ohio cities, Detroit and St. Louis are TFEWR. Whole broiler fryer prices are firm to higher with light offers. Retail and food service demand is light to instances good; fast food moderate to good. Floor stocks are mixed. Sizes are light to heavy. Whole bird market activity is light. Parts supplies are light to moderate with wings, bone-in breasts, legs, and leg meat moderate to heavy. Prices trended firm to higher on boneless skinless breasts; firm on tenders; steady to firm on most dark meat items; and steady to weak on the rest. Market activity for parts is light.

DELMARVA Less-than-trucklot asking prices are 1 cent higher at 86 to 92 cents with a firm to higher trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is moderate to good as dealers access current market conditions for the upcoming Mother's Day holiday. Offerings are light to moderate for trade needs. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processing schedules are moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts complex, wings are moderate to heavy. The balance of parts ranged 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	66-103
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 breast items and tenders; steady to firm for most dark meat cuts and steady to weak for wings. Trucklot buying activity is moderate as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Offerings of tenders and breast cuts are light and clearing well; light to moderate for dark meat cuts. Wings are moderate to heavy. Movement is moderate to active.

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	165	140.65	688,340
TENDERLOINS	185	180.04	155,240
BREAST - WITH RIBS	98-99	111.39	67,158
BREAST - LINE RUN	98	100.46	66,748
LEGS	71-72	73.88	84,280
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	49-50	54.00	200,000
DRUMSTICKS	66-67	76.14	62,040
THIGHS	76-77	89.32	55,120
B/S THIGHS	139-140	138.89	73,120
WINGS (WHOLE)	177-178	170.86	189,640
BACKS & NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	3,920
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	55.00	1,660
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.40	13,680

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
	05/07	05/03	05/03	04/30	04/26
Alabama	3,730	3,819	5.65	3,645	5.69
Arkansas	4,750	4,503	5.43	4,293	5.41
Delmarva	2,076	1,969	6.25	2,058	6.16
Ky-LA-TN	2,494	2,481	5.07	2,445	5.16
Mississippi	2,607	2,845	6.45	2,448	6.20
North Carolina	2,745	2,717	7.20	2,495	7.22
Texas	2,437	2,438	6.02	1,897	5.94
Total	20,839	20,772	5.95	19,281	5.91
Mon	20,839(A)			19,281(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 07-May 2011 is estimated to be 31,177,000 up 7.76 percent from a week ago. and down 4.7 percent from a year ago. (last week 28,933,000 last year 32,730,000)

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)	278	48.00-51.00	-	49.31
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	287	51.00-53.00	-	51.87
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 MAY 07, 2012 -- F.O.B. DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
63.50 - 65.50	64.41	64.87

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 07-MAY-2012 TO 11-MAY-2012, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	132.00 - 165.00	140.00 - 149.00
TENDERLOINS	179.00 - 196.00	179.00 - 184.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	92.00 - 117.00	98.00 - 105.00
LEGS	51.00 - 75.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	48.00 - 57.50	50.00 - 53.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	52.00 - 58.00	53.00 - 56.00
DRUMSTICKS	62.00 - 70.00	-
THIGHS	61.00 - 84.00	-
B/S THIGHS	132.00 - 144.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	155.00 - 190.00	-
BACKS & NECKS (STRIPPED)	15.00 - 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	105-127
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	111-129
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

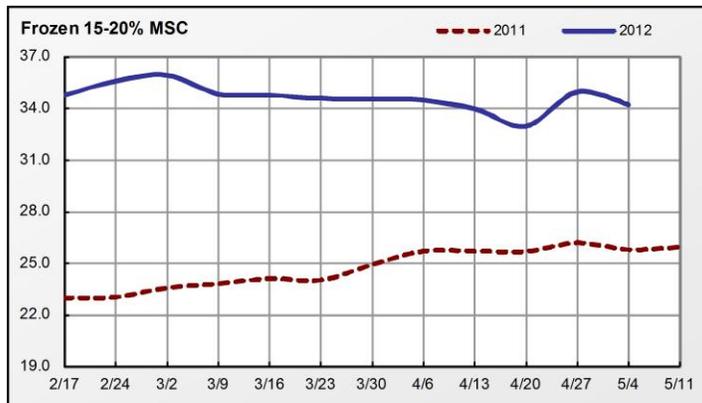
NATIONAL MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

(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.)

MSC prices are trending steady on all fat contents. Supplies are moderate. Schedules are normal to instances reduced due to scheduled maintenance. Domestic and export demand is light to moderate. Overall, spot marketplace demand is below seasonal expectations for many. In light of the current lukewarm buyer interest and conservative finished good production and movement, many in industry are maintaining a cautious future outlook of the marketplace. Industry continues to utilize all options available to stay ahead on future spot sales of MSC. Market activity is light to moderate. Supplies of raw material are moderate to heavy. Spot trading of frames is between 11-15 cents FOB, mostly 11-13 FOB.

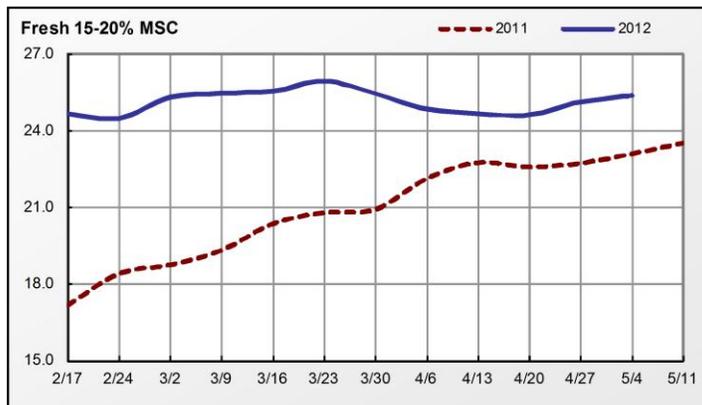
Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	4-May-12	Last Week	Last Year	4-May-12	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			-	24.00 - 25.00	25.25	25.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	24.80	25.25	25.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	204	82	204
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	30.00 - 37.00	32.00 - 37.00	24.00-28.00	24.00 - 27.00	22.50 - 35.00	20.00-27.50
Wtd Avg Price	34.22	34.96	25.79	25.38	25.12	23.09
Volume Traded	1,160	1,175	1,790	3,253	4,002	3,600
Volume Exported	1,040	935	1,510	245	691	-
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	82	82
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Apr 2012	Mar 2012	Apr 2011	Apr 2012	Mar 2012	Apr 2011
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	28.00	25.39	26.92	23.86
Volume Traded	-	-	80	367	775	714
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	33.93	34.92	25.64	24.83	25.56	22.23
Volume Traded	6,532	9,964	9,019	14,195	19,562	17,678
Volume Exported	5,292	8,629	7,939	1,997	4,264	245
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.50	22.30	19.20
Volume Traded	-	-	-	245	408	612
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



Note: Volume exported refers to that portion of the total volume that is destined for export markets.

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