



NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending steady to firm in the West, firm to higher elsewhere. Offerings are light for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is light to good but noted as mostly moderate to good for mid-week business. Floor stocks are balanced. Market activity is mostly active. In the parts structure, movement is moderate to good. Prices are trending firm to higher for tenders and breast items; steady to instances weak for dark meat items with legs in the weakest position, and sufficient for the balance of parts. Offerings of tenders and breasts are tight and clearing well. Wings are moderate and dark meat items cover the full range but are mostly moderate. Market activity for parts is moderate to active. 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 advanced .50 cents to **94.00** 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 May 11, 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	214.00
BREASTS - B/S	168.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	105.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	138.50
THIGHS	75.50
DRUMSTICKS	69.00
LEG QUARTERS	54.50
WINGS	182.00

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

NORTHEAST REGION Prices are trending firm to higher for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers is moderate to good for midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes are in good balance and well cleared. Market activity is active. In the parts complex, supplies of breast cuts are in close balance and held with confidence. Dark meat items are light to moderate and wings are sufficient for current needs.

MIDWEST REGION Whole bird prices are firm to higher with offers light. Retail and food service demand is light to good with promotional items and fast food channels capturing most interest. Floor stocks are balanced. Weights are desirable to instances heavy. Whole bird market activity is light to moderate. Supplies of smaller wings, legs, and leg meat are moderate to instances heavy; breast cuts and tenders light; and light to moderate on the balance of parts. Prices trended firm to higher on breast cuts and tenders; steady to firm on most dark meat items; and about steady on the rest. Parts market activity is light to moderate.

WESTERN REGION The market on whole birds is steady to firm. Offers are light. Demand into both retail and food service sectors is moderate to good. Weights are desirable. Floor stocks are moderate. Prices on boneless skinless breasts, tenderloins and jumbo wings are firm, bone-in breasts, small wings, and drums are steady with the balance of the parts items steady to weak. Parts demand is moderate to good. Offerings of jumbo legs, leg meat, and wings are moderate, boneless skinless breasts and tenderloins are light at best, balance of the items are light to moderate. Movement is moderate to good.

SOUTHERN REGION Whole broiler/fryer prices continue to trend firm to higher. Offerings of all sizes are light for current trade needs. Demand is moderate to good for mid-week business. Market activity is active. In the parts structure, movement is moderate to good. Prices are trending firm to higher for breast items and tenders, steady to firm for dark meat and steady for all other parts. Offerings are light for tenders and breast items with good movement, wings are moderate and dark meat items are light to moderate and moving well. Market activity is moderate to active. 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 199 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 5, 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 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS PLACED DOWN 4 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 166 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 5, 2012. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2012 through May 5, 2012 were 2.94 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 05/05/12	2012	2011	Percent Change Previous Year
	(thousand)		
Eggs Set	199,168	207,982	-04
Chicks Placed	166,047	172,506	-04
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 16-Jun-12 is estimated at 153.3 million head. This compares to 153.4 million head the previous week and to 162.7 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 162.3 million head and the composite weighted average price was 83.04 cents per pound.

MAY 08

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MAY 09

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)	377	48.00-51.00	-	49.34	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	387	48.00-51.00	-	49.18
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	387	50.00-53.00	-	51.20	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	507	49.00-53.00	-	50.96
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	65.17	64.00 – 66.50	64.93	64.94

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 breast cuts; steady to firm for dark meat items and steady for wings. Trucklot buying activity is moderate to good for mid-week trading. Offerings of breast cuts are in close balance to tight and moving well; dark meat cuts are light to moderate and wings are sufficient for current needs. Movement is moderate to active.

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

MAY 08 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	MAY 09 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	165-170	143.16	844,560	BREAST - B/S	170	144.43	680,000
TENDERLOINS	185-190	183.59	194,520	TENDERLOINS	190	180.30	125,000
BREAST - WITH RIBS	99-100	111.14	53,323	BREAST - WITH RIBS	100-101	113.35	49,400
BREAST - LINE RUN	99	101.08	67,112	BREAST - LINE RUN	100	102.76	65,800
LEGS	71-72	70.64	133,440	LEGS	71-72	69.26	182,240
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	49-50	53.50	336,160	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	49-50	53.49	126,360
DRUMSTICKS	66-67	73.29	59,360	DRUMSTICKS	66-67	75.21	55,240
THIGHS	76-77	86.97	54,440	THIGHS	76-77	82.48	54,480
B/S THIGHS	139-140	138.66	91,520	B/S THIGHS	139-140	138.37	78,320
WINGS (WHOLE)	177-178	172.95	263,280	WINGS (WHOLE)	177-178	175.66	219,960
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	4,619	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	3,690
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	52.61	12,250	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	53.51	1,570
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	73.79	24,240	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	75.08	19,040

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)	(1,000)
Alabama	3,634	3,849	3,567	3,590	5.71	5.47	3,676	5.72	5.72
Arkansas	4,638	4,493	4,698	3,476	5.64	5.08	4,645	5.46	5.46
Delmarva	2,052	2,061	2,063	2,459	6.18	6.10	2,089	6.47	6.47
KY-LA-TN	2,471	2,466	2,475	2,439	5.35	5.15	2,507	5.36	5.36
Mississippi	2,889	2,869	2,671	2,756	6.26	6.30	2,811	6.43	6.43
North Carolina	2,693	2,664	2,631	2,726	7.36	7.29	2,686	7.28	7.28
Texas	2,411	2,384	2,420	2,436	6.04	5.94	2,423	5.90	5.90
Total	20,788	20,786	20,525	19,882	6.02	5.86	20,837	6.01	6.01
Mon-Wed	62,413	(A)					60,244	(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 09-May-12 is estimated to be 31,101,000 head down 0.53 percent from a week ago and down 3.97 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,268,000, last year 32,387,000)

**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 12-May-12

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	05/12/12 (1)		05/05/12	
	----- Thousand head -----			
Broiler/fryer	157,718	(2)	153,733	
Light hens	2,164		1,994	
Heavy hens	1,577		1,518	
Total	161,459		157,245	

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 12-May-12 is 155.5 million head compared to 167.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 158.0 million head or 2.5 million more than estimated available. For the week of 19-May-12 the estimated available is 155.7 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers

(Including government stocks) (In thousands)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 05/07/12	164,670		37,329	
AM 05/01/12	156,820		36,858	
CHG	7,850		471	
PCT CHG	5%		1%	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (In Thousands)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	05/07/12	04/30/12	05/09/11	05/07/12	04/30/12	05/09/11
PACIFIC COAST LOS ANGELES	215	219	344	1,125	993	6,316
	79	83	103	384	395	895

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

All Papers Required To Sell All Out of State Poultry

	LOW HIGH AVG			FOR 05/08/12			
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG	
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	.95	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	2.50	5.50	3.85
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	3.00	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	2.30	4.50	3.05
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.50	5.00	1.11
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	5.25	6.50	6.00
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.60	1.90	1.74	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	3.75	11.25	6.15
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	18.50	-	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 PIECES SOLD	410						

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending May 4, 2012

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	62.78	137.97	75.88	17.25	6.90	58.64
High	66.92	148.32	86.23	27.59	10.35	58.64
Mostly	64.16	141.42	79.33	22.42	6.90	58.64
SAN JUAN						
Low	62.09	137.97	79.33	20.70	10.35	62.09
High	67.95	151.77	89.68	31.04	13.80	62.09
Mostly	65.54	144.87	82.78	24.14	10.35	62.09
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	62.09	134.52	72.43	17.25	6.90	58.64
High	65.54	144.87	82.78	27.59	10.35	58.64
Mostly	65.54	137.97	75.88	20.70	6.90	58.64
BECERRA						
Low	65.54	137.97	82.78	20.70	10.35	62.09
High	68.99	155.22	93.13	34.49	13.80	62.09
Mostly	65.54	148.32	86.23	27.59	10.35	62.09

NATIONAL FOWL MARKET May 04, 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 are 1 cent higher at 88 to 94 cents with a firm to higher trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is moderate to good for mid-week business. Offerings are light 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, supplies are light to moderate with breast items in the best 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	72-102
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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