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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending steady to firm in all areas. Offerings are light to moderate for current trade needs. Final majority prices are higher in the East and Midwest but unchanged in the West when compared to last week prices. Retail and food service demand is light to good but noted as mostly moderate to good as dealers assess market conditions following Mother's Day weekend. Floor stocks are mixed. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts structure, movement is moderate to good entering the week. Prices are trending firm to higher for breast items; steady to firm for dark meat items and at least steady for wings. Offerings of tenders and breasts are tight and clearing well. Wings are moderate and dark meat items are in good supply and moving well. Market activity for parts is moderate to active. 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 07-May-2012

	Grade A		Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg
<b>Delivered to First Receivers 1/:</b>				
Boston/New England	TFEWR	:	83.15	13
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	:	84.51	12
Denver	TFEWR	:	97.22	9
Detroit	TFEWR	:	86.33	27
Los Angeles	103.00	102.79	26 :	96.07 57
New York	87.00-90.00	89.09	22 :	90.52 42
Philadelphia	86.50-88.00	87.64	11 :	88.48 24
Pittsburgh	86.00-89.00	88.55	11 :	91.83 51
St. Louis	TFEWR	:	83.45	15
San Francisco	103.50	103.67	9 :	91.47 32

	Whole Body 2/:		Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg
Chicago	78.00-86.00	:	84.10	43

Composite Weighted Average 3/:				
Loads	05/14/12	Change Last Wk	05/07/12	05/16/11
325	89.89	3.02	86.87	82.34

WOG broiler 4/:			
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Eastern	93.00-96.00	94.41	30
Central	78.00-87.00	84.27	77
Western	89.00-94.00	90.46	36

FOB Dock Equivalent 5/:  
Mississippi 81.00-86.00 83.00 19  
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 94.00 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.
968	86.00-99.89	93.45

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	221.00	1,700
BREASTS - B/S	173.50	7,468
BREASTS - WHOLE	106.50	1,460
THIGH MEAT - B/S	139.00	1,231
THIGHS	75.50	1,117
DRUMSTICKS	76.00	1,287
LEG QUARTERS	55.00	9,550
WINGS	182.00	3,730

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

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Prices are trending steady to firm for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers is moderate to good as dealers assess market conditions following the Mother's Day weekend. Offerings of all sizes are in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Trade activity is moderate to active. In the parts complex, supplies of breast cuts are light with good movement; dark meat cuts are light to moderate and wings are moderate for current needs.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYER** Prices for whole broiler/fryers are trending steady to firm. Offerings are mostly moderate for current trade needs. Demand is moderate following the weekend. Market activity is moderate to at times active. In the parts structure, movement is moderate to good. Prices are trending firm to higher for breast items, steady to firm for dark meat items and steady for the balance of parts. Offerings for boneless skinless breast are tight and held with confidence. The remaining breast items and tenders are light to moderate with good movement. Wings and dark meat items are moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majorities are unchanged from last Monday's prices. The market is steady to firm. Offers light to moderate with supplies more available the end of last week. Retail and foodservice Mother's Day weekend fill-in demand moderate to good with some buyers purchasing additional product to replenish inventories. Floor stocks very light to moderate. Parts demand is moderate to good with some purchasing product for upcoming Memorial Day ads. Offerings light to moderate. Sizes desirable. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average is 89.76 cents, up 3.49 cents on 25 loads.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** - Final majority prices are higher into Chicago; Ohio cities, Detroit and St. Louis are TFEWR. Whole broiler fryer prices are steady to firm with light to moderate offers. Retail and food service demand is light to good; fast food moderate to good. Floor stocks are mixed. Sizes are in a full range. Whole bird market activity is light. Parts supplies are light to moderate with breast cuts and tenders in the tightest position. Prices trended firm to higher on breast cuts and tenders with the balance of parts steady to firm. Market activity for parts is light.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Less-than-trucklot asking prices are unchanged at 90 to 96 cents with a steady to firm trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is moderate to good as dealers assess market conditions following Mother's Day weekend. Offerings are moderate for trade needs. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processing schedules are light. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts complex, supplies ranged light to moderate with breast cuts in the best position.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
Range	70-106
Weighted Average	(A)
No. Of Boxes	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Prices are trending firm for breast cuts; steady to firm for dark meat items with thighs and drums in the better balance. Wings are at least steady. Trucklot buying activity is moderate to good as dealers assess market conditions following the Mother's Day weekend. Offerings of breast cuts are in good balance 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

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS.
BREAST - B/S	170-175	147.93	727,600
TENDERLOINS	190-195	188.82	182,280
BREAST - WITH RIBS	102-103	116.50	34,817
BREAST - LINE RUN	102	105.72	67,920
LEGS	71-72	68.27	132,360
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	50-51	52.79	312,506
DRUMSTICKS	67-68	76.74	66,080
THIGHS	77-78	88.37	57,800
B/S THIGHS	139-140	140.25	61,160
WINGS (WHOLE)	177-178	175.80	205,000
BACKS & NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	6,520
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	52.87	6,370
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.58	19,560

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
	05/14	05/10	05/10	05/07	05/03
Alabama	3,794	3,750	5.63	3,567	5.65
Arkansas	4,825	4,559	5.69	4,698	5.43
Delmarva	1,880	2,045	6.05	2,063	6.25
Ky-LA-TN	2,507	2,500	5.17	2,475	5.07
Mississippi	2,897	2,898	6.09	2,671	6.45
North Carolina	2,722	2,660	7.23	2,631	7.20
Texas	2,192	2,395	6.00	2,420	6.02
Total	20,817	20,807	5.94	20,525	5.95
Mon	20,817(A)			20,525(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 14-May 2011 is estimated to be 31,145,000 up 1.12 percent from a week ago. and up 0.9 percent from a year ago. (last week 30,800,000 last year 30,865,000)

**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)	285	50.00-52.00	-	50.83
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	332	52.00-54.00	-	53.11
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 14, 2012 -- F.O.B. DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
66.00 - 69.00	67.42	65.98

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 14-MAY-2012 TO 18-MAY-2012, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	147.00 - 175.00	152.00 - 164.00
TENDERLOINS	189.00 - 211.00	192.00 - 199.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	102.00 - 121.00	102.00 - 110.00
LEGS	67.00 - 75.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	48.00 - 63.00	51.00 - 55.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	52.00 - 61.00	52.00 - 56.00
DRUMSTICKS	62.00 - 71.00	-
THIGHS	61.00 - 84.00	-
B/S THIGHS	131.00 - 144.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	158.00 - 188.00	-
BACKS & NECKS (STRIPPED)	17.00 - 42.00	-
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	105-128
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

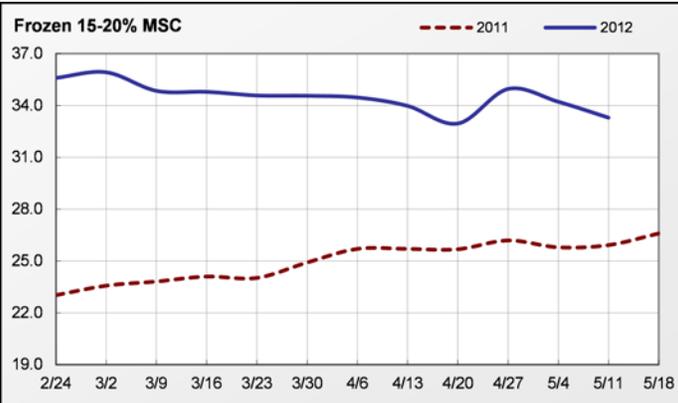
**National Mechanically Separated Chicken**

(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. Domestic and export demand is light to moderate. For many spot marketplace demand has been below seasonal expectations the past few weeks. Due to lukewarm buyer interest and moderate finished good production and movement, industry maintains a cautious and conservative attitude regarding the future outlook of the marketplace. Sellers continue to utilize all options available to stay ahead on spot MSC sales. Market activity is light to moderate. Supplies of raw material are moderate to heavy. Spot frames traded between 11-15 cents FOB, mostly 11-13 FOB.

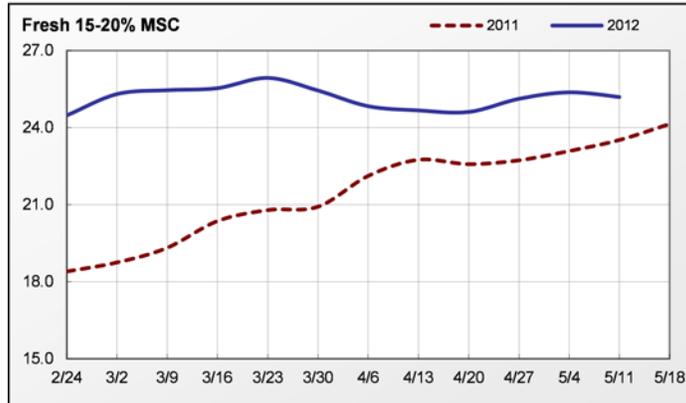
**Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)**

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	11-May-12	Last Week	Last Year	11-May-12	Last Week	Last Year
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Price Range			-	26.00	24.00 - 25.00	25.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	26.00	24.80	25.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	122	204	163
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Price Range	29.00 - 38.00	30.00 - 37.00	24.50-29.00	23.00 - 29.00	24.00 - 27.00	20.00-28.00
Wtd Avg Price	33.29	34.22	25.92	25.19	25.38	23.52
Volume Traded	2,049	1,160	1,966	3,837	3,253	3,783
Volume Exported	1,729	1,040	1,686	530	245	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	-	-	-	41	41	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
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	28.00	25.39	26.92	23.86
Volume Traded	-	-	80	367	775	714
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
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
<b>20% or More</b>						
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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