



NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending steady to weak. Offerings of all sizes are available for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate with limited trading. Floor stocks are light to heavy. Market activity is light to moderate. In the parts structure, prices are steady to firm for breast cuts, and mostly steady for dark meat items and wings. Supplies are light for breast items, and light to moderate for the remaining items. Market activity for parts is light to moderate. 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 .25 cents to 94.25 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 18, 2011.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

Table with 2 columns: ITEM and DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND). Rows include LINE RUN TENDERS (218.50), BREASTS - B/S (174.00), BREASTS - WHOLE (107.50), THIGH MEAT - B/S (139.00), THIGHS (75.50), DRUMSTICKS (69.00), LEG QUARTERS (55.50), WINGS (183.00).

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

NORTHEAST REGION Prices are trending steady at best for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers is light to moderate for mid-week trading. Offerings of all sizes are moderate to heavy for current needs. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts complex, supplies of breast cuts and wings are light to moderate with the larger sized wings in the best position. Dark meat cuts are moderate to heavy.

MIDWEST REGION Whole bird prices are weak to lower. Additional offerings are moderate with light buyer interest. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate. Floor stocks are light to heavy. Sizes are in a full range. Whole bird market activity is light to moderate. Supplies of bone-in breasts and tenders are light with the balance of parts light to moderate. Prices trended firm on bone-in breasts; steady to firm on tenders and dark meat items; and steady on the balance of parts items. Parts market activity is light to moderate.

WESTERN REGION The Los Angeles delivered quote is 103 cents, unchanged from last week. The market on whole broilers is steady. The market on WOGs is steady with a steady to weak undertone in response to lower trending offering prices on mostly 3 lb. and heavier sizes. Offerings are light on under 3 lb. sized product and moderate to instances heavy on 3 lb. and heavier sizes. Retail demand light to good, mostly moderate. Food service demand moderate to good. Weights are desirable. Floor stocks generally in balance. The market on jumbo boneless skinless breasts is steady at best while medium sized product is steady with a steady to firm undertone. The market on bone- in breasts, tenderloins and wings is steady to firm with offering prices unchanged to higher. The market on thigh meat is steady with a steady to instances firm undertone and the balance of jumbo sized dark items is mostly steady with drums held with the least confidence. The market on medium sized dark items is steady with a steady to firm undertone. Parts demand moderate to good with interest into retail channels where ads are a factor. Offerings of medium sized product range very light to light and sometimes short of needs into retail channels while jumbo sized product range light to moderate with boneless skinless breasts and drums the most available. Movement is light to good, mostly moderate.

SOUTHERN REGION Prices for whole broiler/fryers are holding steady. Offerings of all sizes are available to satisfy trade needs. Demand into all channels is mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate. In the parts structure, movement is moderate to good for mid-week business. Prices for breast items are steady to higher, dark meat and wings are steady. Supplies of tenders are light, breast items are light to moderate, wings and dark meat cuts are sufficient. Market activity is moderate to active. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET DOWN 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 200 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 12, 2012. This was down 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 85 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 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 12, 2012. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2012 through May 12, 2012 were 3.11 billion, down 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED 19 Selected State Total

Table with 4 columns: Week Ending 05/12/12, 2012, 2011, Percent Change Previous Year. Rows include Eggs Set (199,926 vs 206,342, -03) and Chicks Placed (166,953 vs 174,014, -04). Includes 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 23-Jun-12 is estimated at 153.3 million head. This compares to 153.3 million head the previous week and to 163.0 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 162.3 million head and the composite weighted average price was 83.36 cents per pound.

MAY 15

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MAY 16

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	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
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)	415	46.00-52.00	-	49.69	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	280	45.00-52.00	-	49.02
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	348	50.00-54.00	-	52.21	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	319	51.00-54.00	-	52.12
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
63.00 - 69.00	65.26	62.50 - 69.00	65.51	66.11

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 steady to firm for breast cuts; at least steady for wings and steady for dark meat items. Trucklot buying activity is moderate for mid-week trading. Offerings of breast cuts are light to moderate and clearing satisfactory; wings are sufficient with the heavier size wings noted as in the better balance. Dark meat cuts are at least sufficient. Movement is moderate.

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

MAY 15 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	MAY 16 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	170-175	151.81	876,047	BREAST - B/S	170-175	150.97	629,680
TENDERLOINS	190-195	187.48	273,000	TENDERLOINS	190-195	182.09	146,560
BREAST - WITH RIBS	103-104	115.23	51,044	BREAST - WITH RIBS	103-104	115.97	54,043
BREAST - LINE RUN	103	106.57	69,698	BREAST - LINE RUN	103	106.48	71,065
LEGS	71-72	66.18	252,840	LEGS	71-72	69.47	144,720
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	50-51	53.92	336,520	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	50-51	56.28	137,280
DRUMSTICKS	67-68	74.13	66,280	DRUMSTICKS	67-68	78.16	77,560
THIGHS	77-78	82.39	53,560	THIGHS	77-78	79.03	58,400
B/S THIGHS	139-140	138.08	114,040	B/S THIGHS	139-140	138.65	86,240
WINGS (WHOLE)	177-178	174.07	236,960	WINGS (WHOLE)	177-178	180.09	181,760
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	4,876	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	4,480
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	52.00	10,800	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	50.36	12,540
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.17	30,520	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.07	21,416

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)	
Alabama	3,645	3,913	3,751	4,132	5.68	5.52	3,696	5.71	
Arkansas	4,800	4,754	4,603	3,830	5.63	5.58	4,397	5.64	
Delmarva	2,043	2,050	1,858	2,022	6.14	6.17	2,068	6.18	
KY-LA-TN	2,539	2,528	2,490	2,906	5.30	5.09	2,475	5.35	
Mississippi	2,825	2,899	2,875	2,899	6.20	5.95	2,890	6.26	
North Carolina	2,682	2,692	2,687	3,004	7.39	6.98	2,694	7.36	
Texas	2,339	2,339	2,434	2,975	6.13	6.02	2,423	6.04	
Total	20,873	21,175	20,698	21,768	6.01	5.86	20,643	6.02	
Mon-Wed	62,865	(A)					62,309	(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 16-May-12 is estimated to be 31,228,000 head up 0.81 percent from a week ago and down 0.99 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,977,000, last year 31,541,000)

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		RANGE
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 19-May-12

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	05/19/12 (1)		05/12/12	
	----- Thousand head -----			
Broiler/fryer	158,779	(2)	157,718	
Light hens	1,859		2,164	
Heavy hens	1,677		1,577	
Total	162,315		161,459	

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 19-May-12 is 155.7 million head compared to 165.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 159.1 million head or 3.4 million more than estimated available. For the week of 26-May-12 the estimated available is 155.3 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers

(Including government stocks) (In thousands)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 05/14/12	171,532		39,513	
AM 04/01/12	156,820		36,858	
CHG	14,712		2,655	
PCT CHG	9%		7%	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (In Thousands)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	05/14/12	05/07/12	05/16/11	05/14/12	05/07/12	05/16/11
PACIFIC COAST LOS ANGELES	213	215	160	977	1,125	2,398
	88	79	88	306	384	107

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

All Papers Required To Sell All Out of State Poultry

	LOW HIGH AVG			FOR 05/15/12			
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG	
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	1.25	4.00	2.15
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	2.00	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	1.15	1.60	1.38	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.25	.40	.29
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	2.00	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	4.75	6.25	5.71
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	2.25	8.50	5.05
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	2.00	3.50	2.38	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	3.00	7.75	4.63
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	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 307

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending May 11, 2012

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	78.80	134.70	74.08	16.84	6.73	63.98
High	80.82	148.17	90.92	26.94	10.10	63.98
Mostly	80.82	141.43	84.19	21.89	6.73	63.98
SAN JUAN						
Low	77.45	134.70	74.08	16.84	6.73	63.98
High	79.47	144.80	87.55	26.94	10.10	63.98
Mostly	79.47	138.07	84.19	20.20	6.73	63.98
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	79.14	138.07	77.45	20.20	10.10	67.35
High	82.50	151.54	94.29	30.31	13.47	67.35
Mostly	80.82	144.80	87.55	23.57	10.10	67.35
BECERRA						
Low	80.15	141.43	80.82	23.57	10.10	67.35
High	83.51	154.90	97.66	33.67	13.47	67.35
Mostly	80.82	148.17	90.92	26.94	10.10	67.35

NATIONAL FOWL MARKET May 11, 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 unchanged at 90 to 96 cents with a steady trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is light to moderate for mid-week business. Offerings are sufficient for current trade needs. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but reported as mostly desirable. Processing schedules are moderate. Market activity is moderate. In the parts complex, supplies 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	74-106
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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