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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending steady to weak in the East, steady to lower in the Midwest, and steady in the West. Preliminary majority prices are lower in the East and Midwest, unchanged in the West when compared to early week prices. Offerings cover the full range but are noted as mostly moderate for current trade needs. Retail demand is light to moderate with limited trading. Food service demand is light to instances good entering the weekend. Floor stocks are mixed. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, prices are steady to firm for whole breast, steady to weak for boneless breast, and mostly steady for dark meat items and wings. Supplies are light to heavy for part with boneless skinless breast in the weakest position. Market activity for parts is slow to 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 21-May-2012 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A MAJORITY	RANGE	AVG	WTD LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
New York	86.00-89.00			
Los Angeles	103.00			
Whole Body 2/ Chicago	70.00-85.00	68.00-92.00	80.21	32
FOB Dock Equivalent 3/:				
Mississippi	80.00-85.00	70.00-89.00	82.28	18

1/: Includes branded product.

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

3/: Southeast area

### NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER

Prices are trending steady to weak for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers is light entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes are moderate to heavy for current needs. Market activity is slow. In the parts complex, supplies of bone-in breast are light and clearing well. Wings are light to moderate with the larger sized wings in the better balance. Dark meat cuts, tenders and boneless skinless breast are more than sufficient for current needs.

### SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER

Prices for whole broiler/fryers are trending steady to weak. Offerings are moderate to at times heavy for current trade needs. Demand is moderate entering the weekend. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate. Prices are trending steady to firm for breast items and wings. All other parts are mostly steady. Offerings for boneless skinless breast and jumbo wing are in good supply and moving well. Dark meat items are moderate to heavy with legs in the weakest position. Remaining parts are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mostly desirable weights.

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

The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 94.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

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

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG
744	87.11-99.85	93.49

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	220.50	955
BREASTS - B/S	174.50	4,338
BREASTS - WHOLE	107.50	891
THIGH MEAT - B/S	142.00	758
THIGHS	75.50	740
DRUMSTICKS	74.50	732
LEG QUARTERS	55.50	5,306
WINGS	182.50	2,192

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

**MIDWEST BROILER/FRYER** Preliminary majority prices were lower into Chicago for next week. Whole bird prices are trending steady to lower. Offerings are light to moderate with light buyer interest. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate. Many noted issues with truck availability. Floor stocks are mixed. Weights are desirable to heavy. Whole bird market activity is light to moderate. Supplies of bone-in breasts and large wings are light; boneless skinless breasts and tenders moderate to instances heavy; and light to moderate on the balance of parts. Prices trended firm on bone-in breasts and large wings; steady on dark meat items; and steady to weak on boneless skinless breasts and tenders. Market activity is light to moderate.

### WESTERN BROILER/FRYER

The Los Angeles preliminary majority is 103 cents, unchanged from last Monday's final. The market on whole broilers is steady. The WOG market is steady to weak with prices mostly unchanged to lower for next week. Offerings light to moderate. Retail demand light to good, mostly moderate. Food service demand moderate to good. Weights desirable. Floor stocks light to moderate. The market on boneless skinless breasts and tenderloins is mostly steady, wings tenderloins steady to higher. The market on leg quarters is steady to higher with the balance of dark items mostly steady for next week's shipments. Parts demand light to good, mostly moderate. Offerings of medium sized product range very light to light and sometimes short of needs. Jumbo sized offerings range light to moderate. Movement is light to good, mostly moderate.

### DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS

Less-than-trucklot asking prices are unchanged at 89 to 95 cents with a steady to weak trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is light to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings are available for present trade needs. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but reported as mostly desirable. Processing schedules are moderately heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts complex, supplies are light to moderate.

\*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	69-105
Weighted Average	(A)
No. Of Boxes	(A)
Cumulative	05/14/12-05/18/12 (A)
	05/16/11-05/20/11 (A)
No. Of Boxes	05/14/12-05/18/12 (A)
	05/16/11-05/20/11 (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.

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ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	410	148.00-170.00	-	158.89
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)	238	48.00-52.00	-	49.10
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	279	50.00-54.00	-	51.47
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		

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	WEEKLY POUNDS (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S		TOO FEW TO REPORT			1,731	153.16
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			684	183.02
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT			150	97.44
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT			263	81.88
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	301	48.00-52.00	-	49.41	1,519	49.63
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	269	50.00-54.00	-	51.77	1,547	52.18
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			282	180.10
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			135	124.96

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Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for May 17, 2012 -- f.o.b. dock.

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Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for May 18, 2012 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
61.50 - 69.00	63.15

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
64.00 - 69.00	65.72	65.41

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 for bone-in breast; at least steady for wings and about steady for tenders, boneless skinless breast and most dark meat items. Trucklot buying activity improved slightly under normal weekend demand but still noted as light to moderate overall. Offerings of bone-in breast and wings are light to moderate and clearing well with the heavier size wings in the best position. Tenders and most dark meat cuts are more than sufficient for current needs. Movement is slow to moderate.

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

May 17, 2012

May 18, 2012

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS.
BREAST - B/S	170-175	150.34	771,040
TENDERLOINS	190-195	187.47	200,040
BREAST - WITH RIBS	103-104	113.24	63,217
BREAST - LINE RUN	103	107.00	71,881
LEGS	71-72	68.63	124,800
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	50-51	54.77	276,200
DRUMSTICKS	67-68	76.82	63,800
THIGHS	77-78	81.49	60,880
B/S THIGHS	139-140	139.45	77,520
WINGS (WHOLE)	177-178	177.85	305,600
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	4,589
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	55.00	6,640
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	75.00	13,480

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS.	WEEKLY WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS.
BREAST - B/S	170-175	150.49	672,760	150.35	3,677,127
TENDERLOINS	190-195	188.03	170,960	187.01	972,840
BREAST - WITH RIBS	104-105	112.13	52,668	114.43	255,789
BREAST - LINE RUN	104	106.36	28,120	106.44	308,684
LEGS	71-72	68.85	116,080	67.96	770,800
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	50-51	53.09	210,600	53.94	1,273,106
DRUMSTICKS	67-68	74.25	165,265	75.67	438,985
THIGHS	77-78	81.56	63,640	82.53	294,280
B/S THIGHS	139-140	137.10	77,240	138.59	416,200
WINGS (WHOLE)	177-178	181.58	243,640	177.85	1,172,960
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	5,690	18.00	26,155
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	52.20	14,650	52.15	51,000
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.14	13,640	74.34	98,616

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	
	05/18	05/17	05/16	05/15	05/15	05/16	05/15	05/11	05/09	
Alabama	3,953	3,851	3,623	3,708	5.79	5.80	4,132	5.76		
Arkansas	4,549	4,503	4,809	4,778	5.58	5.67	3,830	5.40		
Delmarva	2,391	2,073	2,021	2,072	6.12	6.27	2,022	6.15		
Ky-LA-TN	2,965	2,496	2,531	2,536	5.32	5.31	2,906	5.21		
Mississippi	3,140	2,910	2,774	2,886	6.23	6.18	2,899	6.14		
North Carolina	2,790	2,706	2,680	2,681	7.20	7.22	3,004	7.16		
Texas	2,062	2,367	2,294	2,393	6.02	6.07	2,975	5.99		
Total	21,850	20,906	20,732	21,054	5.98	6.02	21,768	5.92		
Mon-Friday	105,621 (A)						104,884 (A)			
Saturday	2,543 (included in total for date shown)						1,717			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 18-May-12 and 19-May-12 is estimated to be 32,690,000 head up 0.08 percent from a week ago and down 5.94 percent from a year ago. (Last week 31,223,000, last year 34,756,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 19-May-12 is estimated to be 158,021,000 head up 1.40 percent from a week ago, and down 3.38 percent from a year ago. (Last week 155,836,000, last year 163,547,000)

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 12-May-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	36,649	66,660	26,002	26,525	155,836
Avg Live Wgt	3.65	5.38	6.85	8.75	5.79
% of total /1	24%	43%	16%	17%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	37,082	66,034	26,338	22,261	151,715
Avg Live Wgt	3.86	5.52	6.79	8.60	5.79
% of total /1	24%	44%	17%	15%	100%
Year Ago 2/	33,557	70,913	34,908	26,113	165,491
Avg Live Wgt	3.75	5.41	6.83	8.42	5.85
% of total /1	20%	43%	21%	16%	100%
To date/2012*	685,772	1,226,704	513,176	435,937	2,861,589
To date/2011*	707,975	1,345,330	523,840	453,597	3,030,742

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 12-May-2012

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	Thousands				
Head	155,836	2,025	1,598	3,623	390
Avg Wt	5.79	3.11	7.60	5.09	6.90
Last week	151,715	1,870	1,511	3,381	444
Same wk yr ago	165,491	1,622	1,361	2,983	424
Avg Wt	5.85	3.35	8.00	5.47	6.83
To-date/2012*	2,861,589	31,874	27,998	59,872	8,000
To-date/2011*	3,030,742	27,726	27,915	55,641	8,427
% Change YTD	-6%	15%	0%	8%	-5%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	681,229	3,306	8,319	11,625	1,951
Last week	663,215	3,083	8,291	11,374	2,247
Same wk yr ago	721,251	2,934	7,077	10,011	2,085
To-date/2012*	12,350,423	53,328	147,973	201,301	39,002
To-date/2011*	12,906,383	47,262	147,153	194,415	41,482
% Change YTD	-4%	13%	1%	4%	-6%
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 155.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 157.7 million head, or 2.2 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
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
May 5	153.6	154.2	100%	5.79
12	157.7	155.5	101%	5.79
Year to date	2896.4	2895.1	100%	
May 19		155.7		
26		155.3		

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

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

Under Federal Inspection (in thousands)

WE	05/19/12	05/12/12	%chg	05/21/11	%chg
<b>Broilers</b>	158,021	155,836 <sup>1</sup>	+1.40	163,547 <sup>1</sup>	-3.38
<b>Cattle</b>	641	639	0	662 <sup>2</sup>	-03
<b>Hogs</b>	2,116	2,089	+01	2,031 <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 MAY 14, 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)	83.00-92.00 84.00-88.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	78.00-90.25 83.00-87.00

**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 remain steady. Demand is moderate with supplies reported as moderate for present trade needs. Market activity is seasonal, slow to moderate. Processing schedules are normal. 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 14-May-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 15, 2012

PRICES PAID PER LB., EXCEPT AS NOTED

	RANGE
Banty Hens	- 4.00 ea.
White Pigeons	4.75 - 5.10 ea.
Broilers	1.05 - 1.15 ea.
Bunnies	3.00 - 7.00 ea.
Canaries	23.00 - 32.00 ea.
Chicks	.40 - 1.20 ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9LBS	.90 - 1.00 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6LBS	1.40 - 1.50 lbs.
Doves	4.00 - 8.00 ea.
Ducklings	1.30 - 1.90 ea.
Finch	3.50 - 6.00 ea.
Geese 9-14LBS	2.20 - 2.50 lbs.
Goats	- 140.00 ea.
Guinea Fowl	2.00 - 2.20 lbs.
Guinea Pigs	.02 - .50 ea.
Kid Goats	40.00 - 55.00 ea.
Leghorn Hens	- 2.75 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	2.00 - 2.70 lbs.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.70 - 1.80 lbs.
Parakeets	7.00 - 10.00 ea.
Pekin Ducks	6.00 - 7.00 ea.
Pigeons	2.90 - 3.20 ea.
Pullets 4-6LBS	- 1.15 lbs.
Rabbits 6-9LBS	2.20 - 2.30 lbs.
Rabbits 4-6LBS	2.65 - 2.95 lbs.
Red Fowl 5-6LBS	.90 - .95 lbs.
Red Fowl 4-5LBS	.65 - .80 lbs.
Silkie	3.00 - 5.00 ea.
Turkeys	20.00 - 30.00 ea.
Banty Roosters	6.00 - 8.00 ea.
Goslings	6.00 - 7.00 ea.
Call Ducklings	5.00 - 8.00 ea.
Goose Eggs	3.00 - 3.30 ea.
Peacocks	29.00 - 39.00 ea.
Swan	- 200.00 ea.
Turkey Poult	3.00 - 4.00 ea.
Total Coops Sold	7773

**NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS****NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS****LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL**

Prices are trending at least steady. Supplies are sufficient for the mostly moderate demand. Processing schedules are noted as normal. Retail feature activity is moderate to good with the bulk of the interest being in the South Central Regions. Finished product supplies are adequate. Market activity is moderate.

<b>Final prices at Farm Buyer Loading:</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Wtd Avg</b>
	8.5 – 19.8	13.44

(Southeast Region broiler breeder hens generally for processing, 7 lbs. and up; under 7 lbs. subject to discount.)

**LIVE SPENT LIGHT FOWL**

Prices are trending mostly steady for the light to moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are moderate for current needs. Processing schedules are normal. Market activity is slow to moderate. The majority price for removal costs remains unchanged at 0-7 cents per head.

(live hens are predominately egg-layers averaging about 3.5 lbs. live weight per bird.)

Eastern region = AL, CT, DE, GA, KY, MA, MD, ME, MS, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, TN, VA, VT, and WV; North Central = IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI; South Central = AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX.

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