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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. Final majority prices are lower in the East and Midwest, unchanged in the West when compared to last week prices. Offerings cover the full range but are noted as mostly moderate for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate for early week trading. Floor stocks are mixed. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, prices are steady to firm for whole breast and large wings, steady for boneless breast, dark meat items and remaining parts. Supplies are light to moderate for part with whole breast in the best position. Market activity for parts is slow to moderate. 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 21-May-2012

	Grade A		Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg
<b>Delivered to First Receivers 1/:</b>				
Boston/New England	TFEWR	:	80.69	13
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	:	82.28	12
Denver	TFEWR	:	94.64	11
Detroit	TFEWR	:	81.42	24
Los Angeles	103.00	102.83	26 :	89.86 99
New York	86.00-89.00	87.71	21 :	89.32 45
Philadelphia	85.50-87.00	86.18	11 :	87.17 21
Pittsburgh	85.00-88.00	86.73	11 :	90.97 54
St. Louis	TFEWR	:	80.87	15
San Francisco	103.50	104.56	9 :	93.26 31

	Whole Body 2/:		Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg
Chicago	70.00-85.00	:	81.09	42

Composite Weighted Average 3/:				
Loads	05/21/12	Change Last Wk	05/14/12	05/23/11
367	87.32	-2.57	89.89	82.66

WOG broiler 4/:			
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Eastern	92.00-95.00	94.14	30
Central	70.00-84.00	80.05	72
Western	85.00-90.00	87.64	43

FOB Dock Equivalent 5/:  
Mississippi 80.00-85.00 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/: 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 94.25 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.
948	85.00-99.85	93.43

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	220.00	1,664
BREASTS - B/S	174.00	7,432
BREASTS - WHOLE	108.00	1,424
THIGH MEAT - B/S	141.50	1,159
THIGHS	75.50	1,112
DRUMSTICKS	75.50	1,282
LEG QUARTERS	55.50	9,541
WINGS	185.00	3,730

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

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Prices are trending no better than steady for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers is light to moderate as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Offerings of all sizes are moderate to heavy for current needs. Trade activity is slow to moderate. In the parts complex, supplies of boneless skinless breasts and wings are light to moderate with the larger sized wings in the better balance; tenders and dark meat cuts are fully sufficient for current trade needs.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYER** Prices for whole broiler/fryers are trending steady. Offerings are moderate for current trade needs. Demand is moderate entering the week. Market activity is slow to mostly moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate following the weekend. Prices are trending steady to firm for breast items and wings. All other parts are mostly steady. Offerings for whole breast and jumbo wing are in good supply and moving well. Remaining parts are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. 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 on whole fryers and steady to weak on WOGs. Offers light to moderate. Retail and foodservice demand light to moderate, instances good for foodservice. Floor stocks moderate. Parts demand is moderate. Offerings light to moderate. Sizes desirable. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average is 84.78 cents, down 4.98 cents on 30 loads.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** - Final majority prices are lower into Chicago; Ohio cities, Detroit and St. Louis are TFEWR. Whole broiler fryer prices are steady to weak with light offerings. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate. Floor stocks are mixed. Sizes are desirable to heavy. Whole bird market activity is light. Supplies of large wings and bone-in breasts light with the balance of white and dark meat items light to moderate. Parts prices trended steady to firm on large wings and bone-in breasts and steady on the rest of the white and dark meat part items. Market activity for parts is light.

**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 week as dealers assess current market conditions for the upcoming holiday. Offerings are available for present trade needs. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processing schedules are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts complex, supplies ranged light to moderate.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
Range	69-105
Weighted Average	(A)
No. Of Boxes	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Prices are trending steady to firm for bone-in breast; at least steady for wings and generally steady for tenders, boneless skinless breast and most dark meat items. Trucklot buying activity is light to moderate as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Offerings of bone-in breast and wings are light to moderate and clearing satisfactorily with the heavier size wings in the best position. Tendere and most dark meat cuts are fully sufficient for current needs. Movement is slow to moderate with some improvements noted for late week.  
ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED TRADING*	CURRENT	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS.
BREAST - B/S	170-175		146.50	636,480
TENDERLOINS	190-195		188.96	127,840
BREAST - WITH RIBS	104-105		118.67	48,387
BREAST - LINE RUN	104		106.12	79,584
LEGS	71-72		68.11	122,520
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	50-51		51.19	361,373
DRUMSTICKS	67-68		78.11	36,400
THIGHS	77-78		83.54	39,400
B/S THIGHS	139-140		138.30	56,000
WINGS (WHOLE)	177-178		179.70	171,560
BACKS & NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18		18.00	5,880
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55		51.74	9,600
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75		74.21	10,160

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
	05/21	05/17	05/17	05/14	05/10
Alabama	3,776	3,667	5.64	3,751	5.63
Arkansas	4,732	4,622	5.70	4,603	5.69
Delmarva	2,063	2,072	6.13	1,858	6.05
Ky-LA-TN	2,300	2,533	5.19	2,490	5.17
Mississippi	2,842	2,917	6.05	2,875	6.09
North Carolina	2,554	2,312	7.43	2,687	7.23
Texas	2,363	2,356	6.05	2,434	6.00
Total	20,630	20,479	5.95	20,698	5.94
Mon	20,630(A)			20,698(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 21-May 2011 is estimated to be 30,865,000 down 0.62 percent from a week ago. and down 3.6 percent from a year ago. (last week 31,059,000 last year 32,017,000)

**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)	195	47.00-52.00	-	49.51
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	374	51.00-54.00	-	51.93
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 21, 2012 -- F.O.B. DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
64.50 - 69.00	66.76	65.28

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 21-MAY-2012 TO 25-MAY-2012, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	147.00 - 177.00	150.00 - 156.00
TENDERLOINS	182.00 - 214.00	192.00 - 199.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	104.00 - 119.00	104.00 - 110.00
LEGS	68.00 - 75.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	49.00 - 63.00	52.00 - 54.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	53.00 - 61.00	54.00 - 56.00
DRUMSTICKS	60.00 - 71.00	-
THIGHS	61.00 - 84.00	-
B/S THIGHS	132.00 - 147.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	155.00 - 188.00	-
BACKS & NECKS (STRIPPED)	17.00 - 42.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 45.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	42.00 - 67.00	-

**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	111-130
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

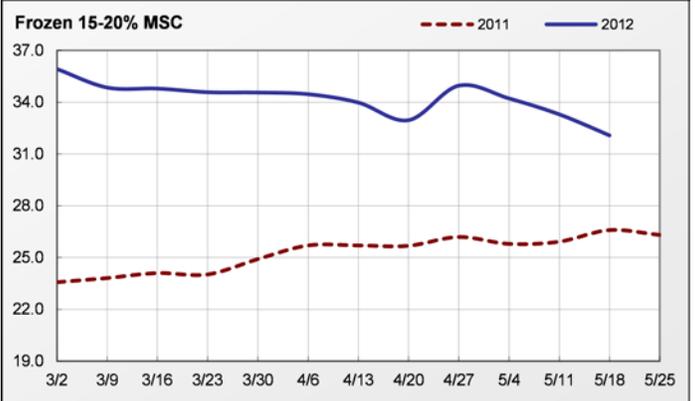
**National Mechanically Separated Chicken**

(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 trended about steady on all fat contents. Supplies are moderate. Schedules are normal. Domestic and export demand is light to moderate. Spot marketplace demand, as well as finished good production and movement are below seasonal expectations for many in industry. Many sellers continue to utilize all options and stay ahead on MSC sales in light of this lukewarm interest as well as the fast approaching Memorial Day holiday. Industry maintains a watchful eye and an attitude of caution with regard to the marketplace ahead. Market activity is light to moderate. Supplies of raw material are moderate to heavy. Spot frames traded between 11-15 cents FOB, mostly 12-14 FOB.

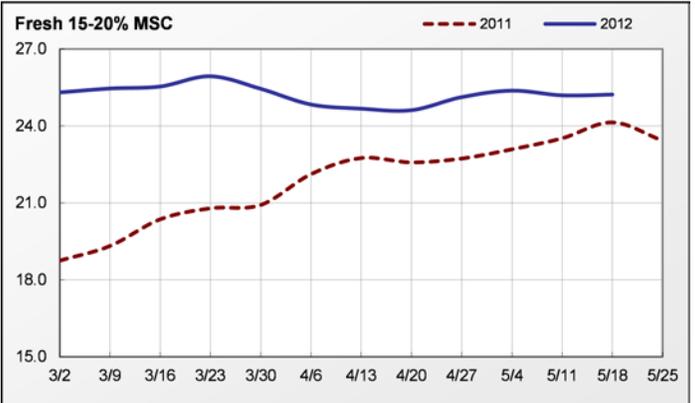
**Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)**

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	18-May-12	Last Week	Last Year	18-May-12	Last Week	Last Year
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Price Range	28.00 - 30.00		-	27.00	26.00	25.00
Wtd Avg Price	28.60		-	27.00	26.00	25.00
Volume Traded	200	-	-	122	122	122
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Price Range	28.00 - 36.00	29.00 - 38.00	25.00-29.00	22.00 - 28.00	23.00 - 29.00	20.50-27.00
Wtd Avg Price	32.08	33.29	26.59	25.23	25.19	24.14
Volume Traded	2,595	2,049	1,534	3,716	3,837	3,498
Volume Exported	2,155	1,729	1,472	408	530	163
<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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