



NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending steady to weak in the East and Midwest, steady to firm in the West. Offerings cover the full range but are noted as mostly moderate to heavy for current trade needs. Retail and food demand is mixed ranging light to good, mostly light to moderate for mid-week business. Floor stocks are light to closely balanced as many limit orders to regular commitments. In the Midwest trucking remains problematic as a result of competition from produce and other industries. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate. Prices are trending steady to weak for boneless skinless breast, tenders and leg meat, generally steady for most dark meat, wings and whole breast. Offerings of bone-in breast and wings are light to moderate and clearing well with the heavier size wings in the better balance. Tenders and b/s breast are available and slow to clear; dark meat items are sufficient for current needs. Market activity for parts is slow 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 94.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 86.75 cents last year on May 25, 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, BREASTS - B/S, BREASTS - WHOLE, THIGH MEAT - B/S, THIGHS, DRUMSTICKS, LEG QUARTERS, WINGS.

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

NORTHEAST REGION Prices are trending steady to weak on three pound and heavier sizes; steady for the smaller 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. In the parts complex, supplies of bone-in breast and wings are light to moderate and moving well with the larger sized wings in the better balance. Tenders and boneless skinless breast are readily available and often discounted where product was in excess; dark meat cuts are at least sufficient for current needs.

MIDWEST REGION Whole bird prices are trending steady to mostly weak. Offerings are moderate to heavy with very limited buyer interest. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate at best. Trucking remains problematic as a result of competition from produce and other industries. Floor stocks are light to closely balanced as many limit orders to regular commitments. Weights are mixed. Whole bird market activity is light. Supplies of bone-in breasts and large wings are light; dark meat items light to moderate; and boneless skinless breasts and tenders heavy. Prices trended steady on bone-in breasts, wings, and dark meat items with boneless skinless breasts and tenders weak to lower. Market activity is light.

SOUTHERN REGION Prices for whole broiler/fryers are steady. Offerings are moderate. Demand is light to moderate with trading usually limited to regular commitments. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for mid-week trading. Prices are trending weak for boneless breast and tenders, steady to weak for dark meat and steady for the balance of parts. Offerings of tenders and boneless breast are moderate to heavy, whole breast and wings are light to moderate and moving well. Dark meat items are moderate with the exception of leg meat which is heavy and slow to clear. Market activity is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION The Los Angeles delivered quote is 104 cents, 1 cent higher than last week. The market on whole broilers is steady to firm with some isolated unsettledness. The WOG market is steady to weak with offering prices unchanged to lower. Some fill-in trading reported on fresh WOGs at 73 cents delivered. Offerings light to moderate on under 3 lb. sizes and moderate to heavy on 3 lb. and heavier weights. Demand light to good, mostly moderate. Weights desirable. Floor stocks moderate. The market on boneless skinless breasts, tenderloins, drums and leg meat is steady to weak with offering prices unchanged to lower; bone-in breasts and wings steady, balance of items steady at best. Parts demand light to good, mostly moderate. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts and tenderloins moderate to heavy; leg meat moderate to moderately heavy; legs moderate; leg quarters and bone-in thighs light to moderate; bone-in breasts and wings light. Movement light to good, mostly moderate.

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 19, 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 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 19, 2012. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2012 through May 19, 2012 were 3.27 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 05/19/12, 2012, 2011, Percent Change Previous Year. Rows include Eggs Set and Chicks Placed.

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 30-Jun-12 is estimated at 152.9 million head. This compares to 153.3 million head the previous week and to 163.6 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 167.5 million head and the composite weighted average price was 81.78 cents per pound.

MAY 22

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MAY 23

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)	248	46.00-52.00	-	48.65	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	243	48.00-52.00	-	49.21
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	387	50.00-54.00	-	51.86	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	295	49.00-54.00	-	51.19
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 – 69.00	66.33	65.00 – 69.00	66.61	65.71

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 at least steady for bone-in breast and wings; generally steady for most dark meat items. Boneless skinless breast and tenders are weak to lower. Trucklot buying activity is light to moderate as dealers were cautious and are content to limit orders to regular commitments. Offerings of bone-in breast and wings are light to moderate and clearing well with the heavier size wings in the better balance. Tenders and boneless skinless breast are available and slow to clear; dark meat cuts are 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 22	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS	MAY 23	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG		ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	
BREAST - B/S	170-175	151.41	816,120	BREAST - B/S	165-170	150.49	539,520
TENDERLOINS	190-195	190.65	200,880	TENDERLOINS	185-190	188.02	72,520
BREAST - WITH RIBS	104-105	117.98	54,304	BREAST - WITH RIBS	104-105	119.64	45,482
BREAST - LINE RUN	104	107.48	73,027	BREAST - LINE RUN	104	107.61	66,720
LEGS	71-72	67.40	217,920	LEGS	71-72	70.26	159,520
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	50-51	52.44	326,640	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	50-51	54.02	122,320
DRUMSTICKS	67-68	72.58	112,080	DRUMSTICKS	67-68	70.81	115,539
THIGHS	77-78	87.50	45,360	THIGHS	77-78	84.35	57,440
B/S THIGHS	139-140	137.75	128,320	B/S THIGHS	139-140	137.27	80,680
WINGS (WHOLE)	177-178	175.53	226,640	WINGS (WHOLE)	177-178	181.64	200,160
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	6,160	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	8,090
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	51.80	14,170	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	52.85	8,050
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.23	20,480	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	73.62	22,760

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)	05/22	(1,000)	05/18	05/21	05/18	(1,000)	05/16	05/14
Alabama	3,882	3,813	3,706	3,771	5.66	5.31	3,623	5.68	
Arkansas	4,603	4,726	4,761	4,468	5.71	5.75	4,809	5.63	
Delmarva	2,047	2,079	2,019	2,366	6.27	6.17	2,021	6.14	
KY-LA-TN	2,469	2,481	2,376	2,630	5.37	5.30	2,531	5.30	
Mississippi	2,893	2,879	2,810	3,004	6.09	6.19	2,774	6.20	
North Carolina	2,683	2,733	2,456	2,878	7.70	7.21	2,680	7.39	
Texas	2,355	2,415	2,438	1,931	6.26	5.87	2,294	6.13	
Total	20,932	21,126	20,566	21,048	6.07	5.94	20,732	6.01	
Mon-Wed	62,688	(A)					62,484	(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 23-May-12 is estimated to be 31,317,000 head up 0.67 percent from a week ago and down 0.60 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,110,000, last year 31,506,000)

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		
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 26-May-12

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	05/26/12 (1)		05/19/12	
Broiler/fryer	159,214 (2)		158,779	
Light hens	1,946		1,859	
Heavy hens	1,600		1,677	
Total	162,760		162,315	

(1)Estimated

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 26-May-12 is 155.3 million head compared to 167.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 159.5 million head or 4.2 million more than estimated available. For the week of 02-Jun-12 the estimated available is 155.8 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers

(Including government stocks) (In thousands)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 05/21/12	178,680		44,572	
AM 05/01/12	156,820		36,858	
CHG	21,860		7,714	
PCT CHG	14%		21%	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (In Thousands)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	05/21/12	05/14/12	05/23/11	05/21/12	05/14/12	05/23/11
PACIFIC COAST LOS ANGELES	216	213	256	3,847	977	2,850
ANGELES	84	88	85	3,085	306	689

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

All Papers Required To Sell All Out of State Poultry

	LOW HIGH AVG			FOR 05/22/12		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	1.80	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	3.00	4.25 3.03
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	- -
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	- -
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	- -
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	- -
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	- -
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	- -
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	.90 -
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	4.00	4.50 4.25
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	3.50	8.00 5.09
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	3.00	7.00 4.50
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	- -
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	- -
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	- -
RABBITS lb.	1.00	1.60	1.35	RABBITS ea.	2.50	5.00 3.63
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.00	6.50 3.93
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	- -
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	1.00 -
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	- -
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	- -
GUINEA PIGS ea.	.30	1.10	.84	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	- -
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-	PEACOCKS ea.	-	- -
PARTRIDGES ea.	-	-	-	COCKATEALS ea.	-	- -
DOVES ea.	3.25	6.50	4.84	PHEASANTS ea.	-	- -
QUAIL ea.	3.25	6.50	4.84	FERRETS ea.	-	- -
CHINCHILAS ea.	-	-	-	MICE ea.	-	- -
PEAFOWL ea.	-	-	-	-	-	- -

TOTAL PIECES SOLD 233

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending May 18, 2012

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	77.87	134.71	78.86	23.00	6.57	62.43
High	80.17	147.86	92.00	32.86	9.86	62.43
Mostly	78.86	141.28	85.43	26.29	6.57	62.43
SAN JUAN						
Low	78.20	131.43	72.28	23.00	6.57	62.43
High	78.86	147.86	88.71	32.86	9.86	62.43
Mostly	78.86	141.28	82.14	26.29	6.57	62.43
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	78.20	134.71	78.86	26.29	9.86	65.71
High	81.48	151.14	95.28	36.14	13.14	65.71
Mostly	78.86	144.57	88.71	29.57	9.86	65.71
BECERRA						
Low	78.86	134.71	82.14	26.29	9.86	65.71
High	82.14	154.43	98.57	39.43	13.14	65.71
Mostly	78.86	147.86	92.00	32.86	9.86	65.71

NATIONAL FOWL MARKET May 18, 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 89 to 95 cents with an about steady trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is light to instances moderate for early week business. Offerings are available for current 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, tenders and b/s breasts are moderate to heavy. The balance of parts 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	77-107
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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