



## MIDWEST REGION DISTRIBUTOR REPORT

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### Chicago Broiler/Fryer

Preliminary for Delivery the Week of 28-May-2012

	Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Whole Body 1/	67-93	70-85	79.22	33

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

### Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter

Under Federal Inspection for Week Ending 26-May-12

	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	159,214	158,779

### Georgia Fob Dock Prices

Wed – 94.50      Fri Preliminary Wtd Avg – 93.58

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

Item	Wtd Avg (cents/lb)	Volume (000 lbs)
Line Run Tenders	216.50	1,012
Breasts - B/S	170.50	4,396
Breasts - Whole	108.50	949
Thigh Meat - B/S	143.00	789
Thighs	76.00	742
Drumsticks	75.00	734
Leg Quarters	55.00	5,309
Wings	183.00	2,192

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

**Midwest Region Broiler/Fryer** Preliminary majority prices for next week's delivery into Chicago are unchanged. Whole bird prices are steady to lower with light offerings. Demand into retail and food service channels is light to moderate. Fast food demand is moderate to instances good. Floor stocks are mixed. Weights are in a desirable range. Whole bird market activity is light to moderate. Supplies of bone-in breasts and large wings light with the remainder of parts light to moderate. Parts prices are firm on bone-in breasts and large wings, weak on boneless/skinless breasts and tenders, and mostly steady on the remainder of parts. Market activity on parts is light to moderate. Trucking issues continues to be problematic for most in industry.

### Weekly National Frozen Whole Young Turkeys,

Weighted Average Prices, cents per pound, FOB Shipper Dock Basis - Week Ending May 25, 2012

**FROZEN Whole Body Turkeys** - commodity pack or equivalent; minimum 10,000 lb. lots; current negotiation for delivery within two weeks.

U.S. Grade A - FROZEN	Current Week		Last Week		Last Year		April Averages		
	wtd avg (cents/lb.)	volume (000 lbs.)	wtd avg (cents/lb.)	volume (000 lbs.)	wtd avg (cents/lb.)	volume (000 lbs.)	This Month	Last Month	Last Year
<b>8-16 lb. (Hens)</b>	105.90	86	108.50 <sup>1</sup>		97.40	50	106.89	103.70	96.68
<b>16-24 lb. (Toms)</b>	107.37	27	108.33	722	103.60	12	107.69	104.45	99.33

<sup>1</sup> based on offers.

### Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week Ending 19-May-2012 (Preliminary)

#### Live Poultry - Young Chickens

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Head	157,987
Avg Wt	5.69
Last week	155,836
Same wk yr ago	163,547
Avg Wt	5.88
To-date/2012*	3,019,576
To-date/2011*	3,194,289
% Change YTD	-5%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage	
Current week	678,704
Last week	681,229
Same wk yr ago	716,434
To-date/2012*	13,029,127
To-date/2011*	13,622,817
% Change YTD	-4%

Dressing % 75.5%

#### Live Turkeys - Young Hens

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Head	1,962	2,477
Avg Wt	16.99	40.44
Last week	1,948	2,733
Same wk yr ago	1,968	2,627
Avg Wt	17.60	39.18
To-date/2012*	35,844	50,432
To-date/2011*	35,287	51,032
% Change YTD	2%	-1%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage		
Current week	26,661	80,134
Last week	26,531	87,559
Same wk yr ago	27,536	81,826
To-date/2012*	483,752	1,651,104
To-date/2011*	482,745	1,610,536
% Change YTD	0%	3%

Dressing % 80.0%      80.0%

(A) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update. \*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

### Fresh Beef Cuts

#### FOB Negotiated

	Price Range	Wtd Avg
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	602.00 651.50	642.88
168 3 Round, top inside round	208.25 230.00	215.05
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	652.42 675.00	665.15
Ground Beef 81%	207.00 231.00	220.76

Source: USDA/AMS, Livestock and Grain Market News