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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Prices for whole broiler/fryers are steady in the West, steady to weak elsewhere. Preliminary majority prices were 1 cent higher in the West, unchanged in the Midwest when compared to early 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 good, mostly moderate to good entering the Memorial holiday weekend. Some finding increased activity for the holiday weekend while others find demand disappointing. Floor stocks are mixed ranging from light to heavier than desired. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for late week trading. Prices are trending weak to lower for boneless skinless breast and tenders, steady to firm for wings 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. Market activity is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.



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 28-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	104.00			
Whole Body 2/ Chicago	70.00-85.00	67.00-93.00	79.22	33
FOB Dock Equivalent 3/:				
Mississippi	80.00-85.00	70.00-89.00	81.62	21

1/: Includes branded product.

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

3/: Southeast area

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 94.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG
754	87.14-99.89	93.58

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	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 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.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER Prices are trending steady to weak on most sizes. Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers is light to moderate entering the Memorial Day holiday weekend. Offerings of all sizes are moderate to mostly heavy. Market activity is slow. In the parts complex, supplies of bone-in breast are light to moderate and clearing satisfactorily. Tenders and boneless skinless breast are readily available with discounting prominent; wings and most dark meat cuts are sufficient for current needs.

SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER Prices for whole broiler/fryers are steady at best. Offerings are moderate to at times heavy. Demand is light to moderate entering the weekend. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for late week business. Prices are trending steady for whole breast, wings and most dark meat items. Tenders and boneless skinless breast are weak to lower and slow to clear. Offerings for parts cover the full range with b/s breast and tender in the weakest position. Market activity is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN BROILER/FRYER The Los Angeles preliminary majority is 104 cents, 1 cent higher than last Monday's final. The market on whole broilers is steady to firm. The WOG market is steady to weak with prices unchanged to lower. Offerings light to heavy, mostly moderate. Retail demand light to good, mostly moderate. Weights desirable. Floor stocks mixed ranging very light to heavier than desired, mostly moderate. The market on boneless skinless breasts, tenderloins, and leg meat is weak with prices lower; bone-in breasts and wings steady to firm with prices unchanged to higher; bone-in thighs steady with isolated unsettledness reported; thigh meat steady; balance of items steady at best. Parts demand light to good, mostly moderate to good with best activity where retail ads continue to be a factor for the holiday weekend while others find disappointing orders. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts, tenderloins and leg meat moderate to heavy; legs and drums moderate; leg quarters and bone-in thighs light to moderate; bone-in breasts, wings and thigh meat light. Movement light to good, mostly moderate to good.

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 Memorial holiday weekend. Offerings of all sizes ranged moderate to heavy for current trade needs. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed. Processing schedules are very heavy when combined with plants operating on Saturday. Some plants are closed on Monday for the holiday. Market activity is slow. In the parts complex, b/s breasts and tenders are moderate to heavy and slow to clear. The remainder of parts ranged 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	64-105
Weighted Average	(A)
No. Of Boxes	(A)
Cumulative	(A)
	05/21/12-05/25/12
	05/23/11-05/27/11
No. Of Boxes	(A)
	05/21/12-05/25/12
	05/23/11-05/27/11
	(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.

May 24, 2012

May 25, 2012

ITEM	POUNDS				WTD AVG	POUNDS				WTD POUNDS (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE	MAJ	MAJ		(000)	RANGE	MAJ	MAJ		
BREAST - B/S		TOO FEW TO REPORT			400	124.00-175.00	-		135.85	1,862	138.57
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			167	151.00-189.00	-		157.92	614	163.46
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT								TFEWR	
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT								401	83.50
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT								TFEWR	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	260	45.00-52.00	-	48.29	281	45.00-52.00	-	48.30	48.30	1,227	48.74
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	390	49.00-54.00	-	51.00	302	49.00-54.00	-	50.42	50.42	1,748	51.32
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT								TFEWR	
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT								212	178.13
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT								TFEWR	
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT								TFEWR	
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT								100	119.35

 Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for May 24, 2012 -- f.o.b. dock.

 Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for May 25, 2012 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
62.50 - 69.00	65.75	62.50 - 69.00	65.15	66.12

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 at least steady for wings and bone-in breast; steady for dark meat items. Tenders and boneless skinless breast are weak. Trucklot buying activity improved slightly under normal holiday weekend demand but is still noted as light to moderate overall. Offerings of bone-in breasts are light to moderate and clearing satisfactorily. Tenders and boneless skinless breast are available and slow to clear; wings and most 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 24, 2012

May 25, 2012

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			VOL /LBS.	CURRENT NEG			WEEKLY WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS.
	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	WTD		TRADING*	WTD AVG**	WTD		
BREAST - B/S	165	148.71	776,720	165	147.24	691,440	148.93	3,460,280	
TENDERLOINS	185	189.09	191,000	185	186.52	128,320	188.93	720,560	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	104-105	117.71	57,396	104-105	117.65	53,161	118.27	258,730	
BREAST - LINE RUN	104	108.03	71,092	104	107.73	72,441	107.36	362,864	
LEGS	71-72	69.74	132,800	71-72	72.27	191,200	69.57	823,960	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	50-51	52.17	411,373	50-51	52.11	167,480	52.13	1,389,186	
DRUMSTICKS	67-68	72.60	109,280	67-68	73.01	106,173	72.67	479,472	
THIGHS	77-78	80.98	111,560	77-78	81.09	73,400	82.47	323,160	
B/S THIGHS	139-140	139.26	118,560	139-140	137.91	95,120	138.14	478,680	
WINGS (WHOLE)	177-178	179.23	291,680	177-178	178.88	184,680	178.91	1,074,720	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	6,960	16-18	18.00	6,220	18.00	33,310	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	51.84	10,870	50-55	52.00	10,560	51.99	53,250	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.59	20,120	70-75	74.03	22,560	74.11	96,080	

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		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	05/23	05/22	(1,000)	(1,000)	05/18	05/16
Alabama	3,653	3,784	3,841	3,729	5.72	5.79	3,771	3,771	5.79	5.79
Arkansas	3,925	4,617	4,611	4,815	5.42	5.64	4,468	4,468	5.58	5.58
Delmarva	3,185	2,068	2,114	2,041	6.11	6.19	2,366	2,366	6.12	6.12
Ky-LA-TN	2,558	2,535	2,344	2,524	5.29	5.34	2,630	2,630	5.32	5.32
Mississippi	2,972	2,945	2,876	2,811	6.10	6.22	3,004	3,004	6.23	6.23
North Carolina	3,417	2,708	2,667	2,467	7.41	7.19	2,878	2,878	7.20	7.20
Texas	2,577	2,382	2,406	2,459	6.09	6.12	1,931	1,931	6.02	6.02
Total	22,287	21,039	20,859	20,846	5.96	6.00	21,048	21,048	5.98	5.98
Mon-Friday	106,014	(A)					104,011	(A)		
Saturday	3,078	(included in total for date shown)					1,206			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 25-May-12 and 26-May-12 is estimated to be 33,344,000 head up 5.57 percent from a week ago and down 7.80 percent from a year ago. (Last week 30,731,000, last year 36,163,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 26-May-12 is estimated to be 158,609,000 head up 0.39 percent from a week ago, and down 4.23 percent from a year ago. (Last week 157,987,000, last year 165,616,000)

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 19-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	35,986	68,501	28,243	25,257	157,987
Avg Live Wgt	3.54	5.32	6.84	8.49	5.69
% of total /1	23%	43%	18%	16%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/	30,459	69,207	33,418	30,463	163,547
Avg Live Wgt	3.81	5.40	6.68	8.35	5.88
% of total /1	19%	42%	20%	19%	100%
To date/2012*	721,758	1,295,205	541,419	461,194	3,019,576
To date/2011*	738,434	1,414,537	557,258	484,060	3,194,289

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 19-May-2012

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	Thousands				
Head	157,987	1,705	1,674	3,379	421
Avg Wt	5.69	3.17	7.61	5.37	6.68
Last week	155,836	2,025	1,598	3,623	390
Same wk yr ago	163,547	1,569	1,464	3,033	428
Avg Wt	5.88	3.26	8.06	5.58	6.76
To-date/2012*	3,019,576	33,579	29,672	63,251	8,421
To-date/2011*	3,194,289	29,295	29,379	58,674	8,855
% Change YTD	-5%	15%	1%	8%	-5%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	678,704	2,838	8,726	11,564	2,039
Last week	681,229	3,306	8,319	11,625	1,951
Same wk yr ago	716,434	2,762	7,670	10,432	2,083
To-date/2012*	13,029,127	56,166	156,699	212,865	41,041
To-date/2011*	13,622,817	50,024	154,823	204,847	43,565
% Change YTD	-4%	12%	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 155.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 159.9 million head, or 4.2 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 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
19	159.9	155.7	103%	5.69
Year to date	3056.3	3050.8	100%	
May 26		155.3		
Jun 2		155.8		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection (in thousands)

WE	05/26/12	05/19/12	%chg	05/28/11	%chg
Broilers	158,609	157,987 ¹	+0.39	165,616 ¹	-4.23
Cattle	636	641	0	674 ²	0
Hogs	2,069	2,113	0	2,045 ²	0

¹ Actual data incorporated when available.

² Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.

EASTERN REGION MISC. POULTRY

For delivery the week of MAY 21, 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)	78.00-91.25 83.00-88.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	83.00-93.00 84.00-89.00

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 are steady. Demand is moderate to instances fairly good. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate. Processing schedules are full-time in preparation for the extended Memorial Day weekend. 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 21-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 22, 2012

PRICES PAID PER LB., EXCEPT AS NOTED

	RANGE
Banty Hens	- 4.00 ea.
White Pigeons	5.00 - 5.20 ea.
Broilers	1.05 - 1.15 lbs.
Bunnies	3.00 - 6.00 ea.
Chicks	.40 - 1.00 ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.85 - 0.90 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	1.40 - 1.50 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.80 - 0.90 lbs.
Doves	4.00 - 7.00 ea.
Ducklings	1.30 - 2.00 ea.
Goats	- 130.00 ea.
Guinea Fowl	2.10 - 2.30 lbs.
Guinea Pigs	.25 - 0.50 ea.
Kid Goats	60.00 - 70.00 ea.
Leghorn Hens	- 2.50 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.40 - 1.70 lbs.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.60 - 1.80 lbs.
Parakeets	4.00 - 18.00 ea.
Pekin Ducks	8.00 - 9.00 ea.
Pigeons	3.20 - 3.40 ea.
Pullets 4-6 LBS	- 1.05 lbs.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	2.90 - 3.15 lbs.
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	2.20 - 2.50 lbs.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.60 - 0.80 lbs.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.75 - 0.90 lbs.
Silkie	4.00 - 6.00 ea.
Banty Roosters	5.00 - 6.00 ea.
Pheasants	12.00 - 18.00 ea.
Guinea Keets	4.00 - 5.00 ea.
Turkey Poult	2.00 - 3.00 ea.
Diamond Doves	8.00 - 11.00 ea.
Goslings	10.00 - 20.00 ea.
Goose Eggs	3.30 - 4.00 ea.
Parrots	140.00 - 160.00 ea.
McCaw Parrot	-1325.00 ea.
Total Sales	5673

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

Prices are trending steady. Supplies are sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Processing schedules are noted as normal. Retail feature activity is light entering the holiday weekend with most of the interest being in the South Central Regions. Finished product supplies are adequate. Market activity is moderate.

Final prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
	8.5 – 19.5	13.45

(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 steady for the light 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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