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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices for whole broiler/fryers are steady in the West, steady to weak in the East and weak to lower in the Midwest. Final majority prices were unchanged in Midwest and West when compared to last Monday majority 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 as dealers assess market condition following the holiday weekend. Floor stocks are mixed. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for early week trading. Prices are trending weak to lower for boneless skinless breast and tenders, steady to firm for wings, whole breast 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.

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 28-May-2012

	Grade A		Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg
Delivered to First Receivers 1/:				
Boston/New England	TFEWR	:	80.65	14
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	:	79.19	12
Denver	TFEWR	:	97.33	9
Detroit	TFEWR	:	79.78	25
Los Angeles	104.00	103.63	26 :	90.11 86
New York	86.00-89.00	87.59	22 :	88.48 44
Philadelphia	85.50-87.00	86.14	11 :	87.18 22
Pittsburgh	85.00-88.00	86.64	11 :	90.83 52
St. Louis	TFEWR	:	79.57	14
San Francisco	104.50	105.11	9 :	95.78 27

	Whole Body 2/:		Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg
Chicago	72.00-76.00	:	78.50	58

Composite Weighted Average 3/:				
Loads	05/28/12	Change Last Wk	05/21/12	05/30/11
363	86.77	-55	87.32	83.46

WOG broiler 4/:			
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Eastern	92.00-93.00	92.59	29
Central	72.00-77.00	77.14	84
Western	85.00-91.00	85.56	49

FOB Dock Equivalent 5/:

Mississippi	80.00-85.00	81.62	21
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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 94.50 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.
964	85.00-99.89	93.71

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	216.00	1,736
BREASTS - B/S	170.50	7,504
BREASTS - WHOLE	108.50	1,496
THIGH MEAT - B/S	142.00	1,236
THIGHS	75.50	1,117
DRUMSTICKS	76.00	1,287
LEG QUARTERS	55.50	9,546
WINGS	184.00	3,730

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

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Prices are trending steady to weak for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers is light as dealers assess market conditions following the holiday weekend. Offerings of all sizes are moderate to heavy for current needs. Trade activity is slow. In the parts complex, supplies of bone-in breast are light to moderate; tenders and boneless skinless breast are readily available and slow to clear. Wings and most dark meat cuts are sufficient for current trade needs.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYER Prices for whole broiler/fryers are steady at best. Offerings are moderate to at times heavy. Demand is light to moderate following the holiday weekend. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for early week business. Prices are trending steady for whole breast, wings and most dark meat items. Tendens 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 REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majorities are 1 cent higher than last Monday's prices. The market is steady to firm on whole fryers and steady to weak on WOGs. Offers light. Retail and foodservice demand light to mostly moderate with some still evaluating weekend clearances. Floor stocks moderate. Parts demand light to moderate. Offerings light to moderate. Sizes desirable. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average is 82.39 cents, down 2.39 cents on 37 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 weak with light offerings. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate. Floor stocks are mixed. Sizes are desirable. Whole bird market activity is light. Supplies of breasts items are heavy with the balance of the parts light to moderate. Parts prices trended lower for breast items 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 1 cent lower at 88 to 94 cents with a weak and unsettled trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is light as dealers assess market conditions following the Memorial holiday weekend. Offerings of all sizes are moderate to heavy for trade needs. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processing schedules are moderate. Market activity is slow. In the parts complex, b/s breasts and tenders are available. The balance of parts ranged light to moderate.

	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
Range	64-105
Weighted Average	(A)
No. Of Boxes	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Prices are trending at least steady for wings and bone-in breast; steady for dark meat items and weak to lower for tenders and boneless skinless breast. Trucklot buying activity was light as dealers assess market conditions following the holiday weekend. Offerings of bone-in breasts are light to moderate and clearing satisfactorily. Tenders and boneless skinless breast are available with light movement; wings and dark meat cuts are sufficient for current needs. Movement is slow.

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

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS.
BREAST - B/S		160-165	142.07	637,080
TENDERLOINS		180-185	179.48	126,480
BREAST - WITH RIBS		104-105	119.12	47,420
BREAST - LINE RUN		104	107.80	67,979
LEGS		71-72	68.36	127,440
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		50-51	52.80	254,280
DRUMSTICKS		67-68	67.66	115,453
THIGHS		77-78	82.92	51,160
B/S THIGHS		139-140	136.51	81,400
WINGS (WHOLE)		177-178	175.85	204,720
BACKS & NECKS (STRIPPED)		16-18	18.00	4,760
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		50-55	52.38	12,890
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		70-75	75.04	19,280

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
	05/29	05/25	05/25	05/22	05/18
Alabama	3,829	3,712	5.71	3,729	5.31
Arkansas	4,441	4,847	5.56	4,815	5.75
Delmarva	2,109	3,326	6.21	2,041	6.17
Ky-LA-TN	2,486	2,513	5.17	2,524	5.30
Mississippi	2,805	2,805	6.42	2,811	6.19
North Carolina	2,772	3,446	7.01	2,467	7.21
Texas	2,443	2,721	5.97	2,459	5.87
Total	20,885	23,370	6.00	20,846	5.94
Mon-Tue	29,995(A)			41,412(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 29-May 2011 is estimated to be 31,246,000 down 0.12 percent from a week ago. and down 3.9 percent from a year ago. (last week 31,282,000 last year 32,499,000)

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)	240	47.00-51.00	-	48.79
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	417	49.00-54.00	-	51.57
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 29, 2012 -- F.O.B. DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
63.50 - 68.50	65.90

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 28-MAY-2012 TO 01-JUN-2012, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	129.00 - 162.00	133.00 - 148.00
TENDERLOINS	184.00 - 209.00	182.00 - 189.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	104.00 - 117.00	105.00 - 113.00
LEGS	70.00 - 75.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	49.00 - 61.00	51.00 - 52.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	54.00 - 59.00	55.00 - 58.00
DRUMSTICKS	60.00 - 69.00	-
THIGHS	61.00 - 80.00	-
B/S THIGHS	122.00 - 144.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	160.00 - 187.00	-
BACKS & NECKS (STRIPPED)	17.00 - 45.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 49.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	42.00 - 59.00	-

CALIFORNIA PROCESSED POULTRY – cents per pound

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	106 -128
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	112 -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 138-188
	ICE PACK
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK 126
	ICE PACK
DUCKS	217-295

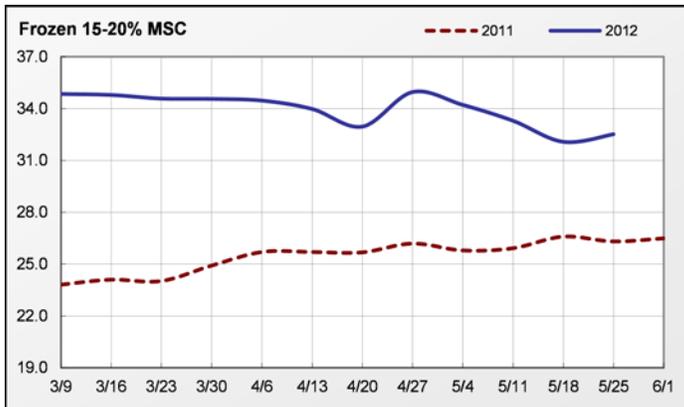
National Mechanically Separated Chicken

(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.)

Fresh MSC prices are steady to lower. The undertone is about steady on all fat contents. Demand into both domestic and import channels are light to moderate. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Schedules are varied, full-time to reduced due to Memorial Day weekend. Many are reporting transportation difficulties due to the extended holiday weekend and other commodities competing for trucks. Some noting increased interest for next week's product as finished processors begin post-holiday production. Many sellers continue to utilize all options and maintain a watchful eye and an attitude of caution with regard to the marketplace ahead. Market activity continues light to moderate. Supplies of raw material are moderate to heavy. Spot frames traded between 9-15 cents FOB, mostly 12-13 FOB.

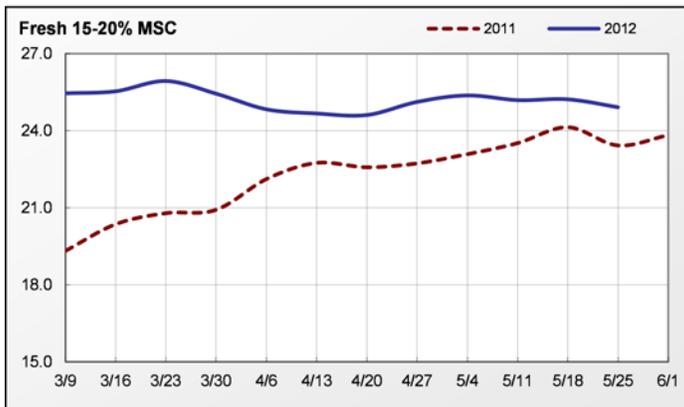
Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	25-May-12	Last Week	Last Year	25-May-12	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range		28.00 - 30.00	-	26.00 - 27.00	27.00	23.00-25.00
Wtd Avg Price		28.60	-	26.75	27.00	24.56
Volume Traded	-	200	-	163	122	184
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	29.00 - 34.00	28.00 - 36.00	24.00-28.00	20.00 - 28.00	22.00 - 28.00	20.00-27.00
Wtd Avg Price	32.52	32.08	26.31	24.92	25.23	23.43
Volume Traded	1,075	2,595	1,720	3,917	3,716	3,926
Volume Exported	955	2,155	1,520	612	408	571
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.00	22.50	20.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.00	22.50	20.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	41	122
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
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	28.00	25.39	26.92	23.86
Volume Traded	-	-	80	367	775	714
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
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
20% or More						
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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