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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending steady to weak in the East, steady elsewhere. Offerings cover the full range, mostly light to moderate for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is light to good, mostly light to moderate for end of the month business. Floor stocks are light to heavy. Trucking issues persist for many in parts of the Midwest. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for mid-week business. Prices are trending steady to weak for tenders, dark meat items and b/s breast, steady to firm for large wings and steady for whole breast. Offering of tenders, b/s breast and dark meat items are moderate to heavy and slow to clear. Whole breast and wings are light to moderate. Market activity for parts is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate. Weights are mixed, but noted as desirable.

The Composite Weighted Average price for 05/28/12 is 86.77 compared to 87.32 a week earlier, and 83.46 a year ago.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading is unchanged at 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 June 1, 2011.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	226.50
BREASTS - B/S	169.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	109.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	139.50
THIGHS	75.50
DRUMSTICKS	69.00
LEG QUARTERS	55.00
WINGS	184.50

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

NORTHEAST REGION Prices are trending steady to weak for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers is light for mid-week trading. Offerings of all sizes are more than sufficient for current needs. Market activity is slow. In the parts complex, supplies of bone-in breast are light to moderate and moving well. Tenders and boneless skinless breast are readily available and competitively priced; wings are moderate and most dark meat cuts are moderate to heavy with thighs and thigh meat in the longest position.

MIDWEST REGION Whole bird prices are steady with light to moderate offerings. Demand into retail and food service channels is light to moderate. Fast food demand is moderate. Floor stocks are light to heavy. Weights are in a desirable range. Whole bird market activity is light. Supplies of bone-in breasts and wings light, dark meat items moderate to instances heavy, and boneless skinless breasts and tenders moderate to mostly heavy and slow to clear. Parts prices are steady on bone-in breasts and wings, steady to instances weak on dark meat items, and weak to lower on boneless skinless breasts and tenders. Market activity on parts is light. Issues with trucking continue to be problematic for most in industry.

SOUTHERN REGION Prices for whole broiler/fryers are about steady. Offerings are moderate for end of the month business. 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 to lower for b/s breast and tenders, steady to firm for wings and steady to instances weak for the dark meat items. Offerings of tenders and boneless breast are moderate to mostly heavy, whole breast and wings are light to moderate and moving well. Dark meat items are moderate to at times heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION The Wednesday Los Angeles delivered quote is 104 cents, unchanged from last week. The market on whole broilers and WOGs is steady. Offerings light to moderate. Some fill-in trading was reported on WOGs at 73 cents delivered. Retail and foodservice demand light to good, mostly moderate. Weights desirable. Floor stocks mostly moderate. The market on boneless skinless breasts is steady to weak with offering prices unchanged to lower, tenderloins steady with a steady to weak undertone, and while bone-in breasts and wings are steady. The market on leg meat and leg quarters is steady to weak with offering prices unchanged to lower, balance of dark items steady at best. Parts demand light to good, mostly moderate to good. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts moderate to moderately heavy, tenderloins moderate and bone-in breasts and wings light. Dark item offerings are moderate to moderately heavy on leg meat and leg quarters, balance of dark items moderate. Movement light to good, mostly moderate to good with some having better than expected activity.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET DOWN 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 201 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 26, 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 166 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 26, 2012. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2012 through May 26, 2012 were 3.44 billion, down 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED 19 Selected State Total

Week Ending 05/26/12	2012	2011	Percent Change Previous Year
	(thousand)		
Eggs Set	200,706	205,932	-03
Chicks Placed	166,066	172,753	-04
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 07-Jul-12 is estimated at 152.9 million head. This compares to 152.9 million head the previous week and to 163.8 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 172.5 million head and the composite weighted average price was 80.74 cents per pound.

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.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>POUNDS (000)</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>	<u>WTD AVG</u>
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)	253	46.00-51.00	-	48.26
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	269	48.00-54.00	-	50.69
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 F.O.B Dock

<u>RANGE</u>	<u>TODAY'S AVERAGE</u>	<u>5-DAY AVERAGE</u>
63.50 – 68.50	65.47	65.56

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 wings and bone-in breast; steady to weak for dark meat cuts and weak to lower for tenders, boneless skinless breast and thigh meat. Trucklot buying activity is light for mid-week trading. Offerings of bone-in breasts are light to moderate and clearing satisfactorily. Tenders and boneless skinless breast are readily available and slow to clear; dark meat cuts are moderate to heavy with drums, thighs and thigh meat noted as in the longest position. Wings 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.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>CURRENT NEG TRADING*</u>	<u>WTD AVG</u>	<u>VOL/LBS</u>
BREAST - B/S	160	145.98	795,760
TENDERLOINS	180	181.05	115,720
BREAST - WITH RIBS	104-105	118.21	38,507
BREAST - LINE RUN	104	107.40	66,684
LEGS	71-72	66.42	165,200
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	50-51	50.32	291,400
DRUMSTICKS	67-68	71.39	69,800
THIGHS	76-77	85.22	54,240
B/S THIGHS	136-137	139.99	84,120
WINGS (WHOLE)	177-178	176.74	176,040
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	5,400
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	52.70	8,730
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.97	17,120

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 (IN THOUSANDS)

	<u>ESTIMATED</u>		<u>ACTUAL</u>		<u>AVG WTS</u>		<u>ACTUAL</u>		<u>AVG WTS</u>
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Alabama	05/30	05/29	05/28	05/25	05/28	05/25	05/23	05/21	
Arkansas	3,782	3,829	1,625	3,712	4.76	5.71	3,841	5.66	
Delmarva	4,827	4,441	1,149	4,847	5.42	5.56	4,611	5.71	
KY-LA-TN	2,110	2,109	Holiday	3,326	Holiday	6.21	2,114	6.27	
Mississippi	2,490	2,486	1,296	2,513	4.34	5.17	2,344	5.37	
North Carolina	2,883	2,805	2,304	2,805	5.55	6.42	2,876	6.09	
Texas	2,701	2,772	1,064	3,446	6.87	7.01	2,667	7.70	
Total	2,401	2,443	1,361	2,721	5.37	5.97	2,406	6.26	
Mon-Wed	21,194	20,885	8,799	23,370	5.34	6.00	20,859	6.07	
	51,189	(B)					62,271	(B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 30-May-12 is estimated to be 31,709,000 head up 1.30 percent from a week ago and down 0.85 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,301,000, last year 31,980,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

<u>Processed Poultry, Delivered to Retailer</u>		<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH FRYERS		108-123
ROASTERS 4# & UP		128-140
DUCKS		
RABBITS-WHOLE		
RABBITS-CUT UP		

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

<u>Delivered to Restaurants and Institutions</u>			<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK		138-188
	ICE PACK		
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK		126
	ICE PACK		
DUCKS			217-295

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection for Week Ending 02-June-12

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK
	06/02/12 (1)		05/26/12
Broiler/fryer	145,394 (2)		159,214
Light hens	1,158		1,946
Heavy hens	1,570		1,600
Total	148,122		162,760

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 02-Jun-12 is 155.8 million head compared to 148.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 145.7 million head or 10.1 million less than estimated available. For the week of 09-Jun-12 the estimated available is 156.8 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers

(Including government stocks) (In thousands)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	AM	LBS	AM	LBS
AM 05/28/12	184,082	40,568		
AM 05/01/12	156,820	36,858		
CHG	27,262	3,710		
PCT CHG	17%	10%		

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (In Thousands)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	05/28/12	05/21/12	05/30/11	05/28/12	05/21/12	05/30/11
PACIFIC COAST LOS ANGELES	219	216	256	948	3,847	2,850
	88	84	85	260	3,085	689

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

All Papers Required To Sell All Out of State Poultry

	LOW HIGH AVG			FOR 05/29/12		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	1.05	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	2.75	7.00 4.11
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	- -
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	1.75 -
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	- -
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	- -
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	- -
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	- -
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	1.00	1.15 1.10
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	3.75 -
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.75	3.50 2.75
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	5.25	9.50 7.38
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	7.50 -
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	- -
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	4.00	8.00 6.00
RABBITS lb.	1.05	1.65	1.33	RABBITS ea.	-	4.50 -
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.50	3.00 2.08
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	- -
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	1.50	3.00 1.90
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	- -
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	- -
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	- -
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-	PEACOCKS ea.	-	- -
PARTRIDGES ea.	-	-	-	COCKATEALS ea.	-	- -
DOVES ea.	-	-	-	PHEASANTS ea.	-	- -
QUAIL ea.	-	-	-	FERRETS ea.	-	- -
CHINCHILAS ea.	-	-	-	MICE ea.	-	- -
PEAFOWL ea.	-	-	-			

TOTAL PIECES SOLD 264

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending May 25, 2012

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	77.12	129.61	71.29	16.20	6.48	61.56
High	79.06	142.57	81.01	22.68	9.72	61.56
Mostly	77.77	136.09	74.53	17.82	6.48	61.56
SAN JUAN						
Low	76.15	129.61	71.29	16.20	6.48	61.56
High	77.77	139.33	81.01	22.68	9.72	61.56
Mostly	77.77	132.85	74.53	17.82	6.48	61.56
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	77.77	129.61	71.29	16.20	9.72	64.80
High	80.03	145.81	84.25	25.92	12.96	64.80
Mostly	77.77	139.33	77.77	21.06	9.72	64.80
BECERRA						
Low	78.41	129.61	74.53	16.20	9.72	64.80
High	81.01	149.05	87.49	29.16	12.96	64.80
Mostly	78.41	142.57	81.01	22.68	9.72	64.80

NATIONAL FOWL MARKET May 25, 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 88 to 94 cents with a steady to weak trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is light for mid-week trading. Offerings of all sizes are moderate to heavy for current 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, bone-in breasts are light to moderate. B/S breasts and tenders are readily available. Dark meat cuts ranged moderate to at times heavy.

*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	74-106
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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