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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Prices for whole broiler/fryers are steady at best in the Midwest, steady to weak in the East, and steady in the West. Preliminary majority prices are unchanged in the West and 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 moderate going into first of the month business. Floor stocks are mixed as many purchase hand to mouth. Market activity is mostly slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for late week trading as issues with trucking availability persist in parts of the Midwest. Prices are trending weak to lower for boneless skinless breast, tenders and dark meat items. Whole breast and wings prices are trending steady to weak. Offerings of tenders, boneless skinless breast and dark meat items are readily available and competitively priced. Market activity is mostly 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 04-June-2012 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A MAJORITY	RANGE	AVG	WTD LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
New York	85.00-88.00			
Los Angeles	104.00			
Whole Body 2/ Chicago	70.00-80.00	67.00-92.00	78.46	32
FOB Dock Equivalent 3/:				
Mississippi	80.00-84.00	70.00-87.00	81.60	20

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
728	87.14-99.89	93.65

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	220.00	984
BREASTS - B/S	167.00	4,367
BREASTS - WHOLE	107.50	920
THIGH MEAT - B/S	136.00	786
THIGHS	76.00	740
DRUMSTICKS	75.00	732
LEG QUARTERS	55.00	5,306
WINGS	182.00	2,192

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

MIDWEST BROILER/FRYER Preliminary majority prices in Chicago are unchanged for next week. Whole bird prices are steady at best with offerings light to moderate. Demand into retail and food service channels is light to moderate at most with limited anticipation for improvement going into the weekend and first of the month; best movement noted into delis. Fast food demand is moderate. Floor stocks are mixed with many buyers purchasing hand to mouth. Weights are desirable to light. Whole bird market activity is light. Supplies of breast cuts and dark meat items are moderate to heavy with wings light. Parts prices are weak to lower on boneless skinless breasts and tenders, steady to weak on dark meat items and bone-in breasts, and steady on wings. Market activity on parts is light. Industry continues to struggle with trucking availability.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER Prices are trending steady to weak for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers is light entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes are moderate to heavy for current needs. Market activity is slow. In the parts complex, supplies of wings are sufficient for current needs. Tenders, thigh meat and breast items are heavy to very heavy and slow to clear; dark meat cuts are moderate to heavy with thighs noted as slightly more available.

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 first of the month business. Prices are trending weak to lower for boneless skinless breast and tenders. Wings are steady, dark meat items and whole breast are steady to weak. Offerings of tenders, boneless skinless breast and dark meat items are moderate to heavy, with discounting noted to help clear. Wings are moderate. Market activity is mostly 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, unchanged from last Monday's final. The market on whole broilers is steady with some spot unsettledness reported. The WOG market is steady at best. Offerings light to moderate. Retail demand light to instances good, mostly light to moderate with activity slowing for some as the week progressed. Even though some are finding increased orders for the weekend, others are finding activity not up to expectations. Food service demand mostly moderate and slowing as the week progressed. Weights desirable. Floor stocks moderate to longer than desired. The market on boneless skinless breasts and tenderloins is weak with prices lower, bone-in breasts are steady to weak with prices unchanged to lower, and wings generally steady. The market on dark items is steady to weak with prices unchanged to lower on most items. Parts demand light to instances good, mostly light to moderate. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts and tenderloins heavy, bone-in breasts light to moderate with supplies held with varied degrees of confidence and wings light. Dark item offerings are moderate to heavy on. Movement light to good, mostly light to moderate.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Less-than-trucklot asking prices are unchanged at 88 to 94 cents with a steady to weak undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is light for end of the week business. Offerings of all sizes are readily available for current trade needs. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but mostly desirable. Processing schedules are moderate. Market activity is slow. In the parts complex, supplies of breast items are moderate to heavy with limited movement. Dark meat cuts and wings are 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	68-105
Weighted Average	(A)
No. Of Boxes	(A)
Cumulative	(A)
	05/28/12 - 06/01/12 (A)
	05/30/11 - 06/03/11 (A)
No. Of Boxes	(A)
	05/28/12 - 06/01/12 (A)
	05/30/11 - 06/03/11 (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 31, 2012

June 01, 2012

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	WEEKLY POUNDS (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			1,031	131.77
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			687	152.10
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			227	90.49
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			265	83.08
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	267	45.00-51.00	-	47.28	170	46.00-51.00	-	47.45	929	47.97
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	487	49.00-54.00	-	50.65	235	49.00-54.00	-	49.74	1,408	50.78
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			179	178.57
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			107	53.20
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			60	120.83

Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for May 31, 2012 -- f.o.b. dock.

Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for June 01, 2012 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
63.50 - 68.50	65.64	62.50 - 68.50	64.78	65.44

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; steady to weak for dark meat cuts and bone-in breasts and weak to lower for tenders, boneless skinless breast and thigh meat. Trucklot buying activity is light entering the weekend. Offerings of tenders, boneless skinless breast and thigh meat are readily available and competitively priced; bone-in breast and most dark meat cuts are moderate to heavy and wings are generally 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.

May 31, 2012

June 01, 2012

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS.	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS.	WEEKLY WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS.
BREAST - B/S	155-160	145.13	780,240	155	144.86	843,780	144.64	3,056,860
TENDERLOINS	175-180	179.35	188,720	175	178.58	168,320	179.49	599,240
BREAST - WITH RIBS	104-105	117.30	44,404	103-104	116.03	48,680	117.63	179,011
BREAST - LINE RUN	104	107.17	54,000	103	106.14	63,000	107.14	251,663
LEGS	71-72	69.43	229,960	71-72	68.69	128,900	68.31	651,500
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	50-51	52.32	324,708	50-51	53.65	255,960	52.21	1,126,348
DRUMSTICKS	67-68	75.49	64,440	67-68	76.33	96,960	72.29	346,653
THIGHS	76-77	81.59	61,640	76-77	80.24	70,180	82.31	237,220
B/S THIGHS	134-135	138.45	104,200	131-132	137.74	100,960	138.18	370,680
WINGS (WHOLE)	177-178	179.77	191,640	177-178	180.30	204,720	178.19	777,120
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	6,200	16-18	18.00	6,800	18.00	23,160
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	53.21	8,580	50-55	52.20	10,090	52.58	40,290
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.20	14,920	70-75	75.13	15,280	74.86	66,600

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 (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS
	06/01 05/31	05/30 05/29	05/30 05/29	05/25 05/23	
Alabama	3,534 3,771	3,718 3,732	5.72 5.79	3,712 5.72	
Arkansas	5,735 4,795	5,765 4,884	5.80 5.40	4,847 5.42	
Delmarva	2,080 2,121	2,137 2,128	6.13 6.19	3,326 6.11	
Ky-LA-TN	2,966 2,501	2,428 2,470	5.36 5.41	2,513 5.29	
Mississippi	3,546 2,951	2,841 2,908	6.12 6.19	2,805 6.10	
North Carolina	3,152 2,731	2,725 2,761	7.23 7.30	3,446 7.41	
Texas	2,437 2,373	2,426 2,431	6.06 6.09	2,721 6.09	
Total	23,450 21,243	22,040 21,314	6.02 5.98	23,370 5.96	
Mon-Friday	95,882 (A)			106,638 (A)	
Saturday	2,048 (included in total for date shown)			3,406	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 01-Jun-12 and 02-Jun-12 is estimated to be 35,084,000 head up 0.04 percent from a week ago and up 1.46 percent from a year ago. (Last week 31,508,000, last year 34,578,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 02-Jun-12 is estimated to be 143,450,000 head down 9.64 percent from a week ago, and down 2.17 percent from a year ago. (Last week 158,757,000, last year 146,633,000)

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	138-188
	ICE PACK	
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	126
	ICE PACK	
DUCKS		217-295

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Week ending 26-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	38,576	67,544	31,007	21,630	158,757
Avg Live Wgt	3.64	5.39	6.77	8.55	5.66
% of total /1	24%	43%	19%	14%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/	37,911	72,250	30,639	24,816	165,616
Avg Live Wgt	3.46	5.44	6.64	8.37	5.71
% of total /1	23%	44%	18%	15%	100%
To date/2012*	760,334	1,362,749	572,426	482,824	3,178,333
To date/2011*	776,345	1,486,787	587,897	508,876	3,359,905

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 26-May-2012

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	Thousands				
Head	158,757	1,786	1,624	3,410	409
Avg Wt	5.66	3.21	7.53	5.27	6.84
Last week	157,987	1,705	1,674	3,379	421
Same wk yr ago	165,616	1,502	1,389	2,891	401
Avg Wt	5.71	3.24	8.18	5.61	6.82
To-date/2012*	3,178,333	35,365	31,296	66,661	8,830
To-date/2011*	3,359,905	30,797	30,768	61,565	9,256
% Change YTD	-5%	15%	2%	8%	-5%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	678,416	3,010	8,377	11,387	2,028
Last week	678,704	2,838	8,726	11,564	2,039
Same wk yr ago	704,522	2,628	7,385	10,013	1,969
To-date/2012*	13,707,543	59,176	165,076	224,252	43,069
To-date/2011*	14,327,339	52,652	162,208	214,860	45,534
% Change YTD	-4%	12%	2%	4%	-5%
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 155.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 160.7 million head, or 5.4 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 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
26	160.7	155.3	103%	5.66
Year to date	3217.0	3206.1	100%	
Jun 2		155.8		
9		156.8		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection (in thousands)

WE	06/02/12	05/26/12	%chg	06/04/11	%chg
Broilers	143,450	158,757 ¹	-2.17	146,633 ¹	-2.17
Cattle	596	636	-06	611 ²	-02
Hogs	1,822	2,069	-12	1,744 ²	+04

¹ Actual data incorporated when available.

² Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.

EASTERN REGION MISC. POULTRY

For delivery the week of MAY 28, 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)	77.00-89.25	83.00-88.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	82.00-92.00	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 remain steady. Demand and supplies are reported as moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Processing schedules are varied due to the extended Holiday 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 28-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 29, 2012

PRICES PAID PER LB., EXCEPT AS NOTED

	RANGE
Banty Hens	- 4.00 ea.
White Pigeons	6.00 - 7.00 ea.
Broilers	1.05 - 1.10 ea.
Bunnies	1.00 - 3.00 ea.
Chicks	.40 - 1.20 ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9LBS	.75 - 0.90 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11LBS	.80 - 0.90 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6LBS	1.30 - 1.40 lbs.
Ducklings	1.40 - 2.00 ea.
Geese 9-14LBS	1.50 - 1.70 lbs.
Goats	- 120.00 ea.
Guinea Fowl	.05 - 0.50 ea.
Guinea Fowl	3.50 - 4.00 lbs.
Kid Goats	60.00 - 80.00 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.70 - 2.20 lbs.
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.60 - 1.80 lbs.
Pekin Ducks	10.00 - 12.00 ea.
Pigeons	3.30 - 3.40 ea.
Pullets 4-6LBS	- 1.05 lbs.
Quail	1.20 - 1.70 ea.
Rabbits 6-9LBS	2.30 - 2.60 lbs.
Rabbits 4-6LBS	2.55 - 2.75 lbs.
Red Fowl 4-5LBS	.70 - 0.80 lbs.
Silkie	3.00 - 4.00 ea.
Banty Roosters	4.50 - 5.00 ea.
Guinea Keets	2.50 - 4.00 ea.
Parrots	75.00 - 250.00 ea.
Rats	0.20 - 0.25 ea.
Cockatiels	- 31.00 ea.
Turkey Poult	1.50 - 2.00 ea.
Total Sales	3851

