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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending steady in all areas. Offerings are light to moderate for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is light to good, mostly moderate with improved interest for the 4th of July holiday. Floor stocks are closely balanced despite some storm related delays in delivery early week. Processor schedules are moderate with many plants closed tomorrow for the holiday. In parts of the Midwest trucking availability issues persist with many anticipating some relief after the holiday. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for early week business as hot temperatures remain in the Northeast. Prices are trending firm for wings, steady to weak for dark meat items, and steady to firm for breast meat. Offering of breast items and wings are light to moderate and clearing well. The remainder of items ranged moderate to heavy. Market activity for parts is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate. Weights are mixed, but noted as desirable to light. The Composite Weighted Average price for 07/02/12 is 82.47 compared to 83.06 a week earlier, and 80.06 a year ago.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 cents to 94.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 87.25 cents last year on July 6, 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	204.00
BREASTS - B/S	160.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	100.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	131.00
THIGHS	73.50
DRUMSTICKS	67.50
LEG QUARTERS	52.50
WINGS	184.50

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

**NORTHEAST REGION** Prices are trending steady for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers is light to moderate entering the Fourth-of-July holiday with hot and humid weather conditions continuing in the area. Offerings of all sizes are moderate for current needs. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts complex, supplies of boneless skinless breast are light and moving well; wings and bone-in breast are light to moderate and clearing satisfactorily. Dark meat items are moderate to heavy with drums and leg quarters noted as available and slow to clear with most dealers having trouble acquiring trucks for shipping.

**MIDWEST REGION** Whole bird prices are steady with offers light to moderate. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate going into the Fourth of July holiday. Fast food demand is moderate to at times fairly good. Floor stocks are closely balanced despite some storm related delays in delivery early week. Due to the high temps and humidity sizes are desirable to light. Whole bird market activity is light to moderate. Supplies of wings are light, breast cuts light to moderate, and dark meat items moderate to heavy. Prices are firm on wings, steady on breast cuts, and steady to weak on dark meat items. Market activity on parts is light to moderate. Trucking availability issues persist with many anticipating some relief after the holiday.

**SOUTHERN REGION** Prices for whole broiler/fryers are steady. Offerings are sufficient for current trade needs. Demand is moderate approaching the 4th of July holiday. Market activity is moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate. Prices are trending steady to firm for wings and breast items, steady to weak for dark meat items. Offerings of dark meat items are moderate to heavy with legs and leg quarters in the weakest position, breast items and wings are light to moderate with good movement. Market activity is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable to heavy 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. Retail demand light to good, mostly moderate to good with improvement reported for the July 4th holiday. Food service demand moderate to good. Weights desirable to starting to trend lighter for some. Floor stocks moderate. The market on wings is steady with a steady to firm undertone, balance of white meat steady. The market on dark items is steady at best for post-holiday shipments. Parts demand light to good, mostly moderate to good for the holiday. Offerings of wings light, balance of white items light to moderate. Offerings of dark items moderate. Movement mostly light to good, mostly moderate to good for the July 4th holiday.

## BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET DOWN SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 196 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 30, 2012. This was down slightly 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 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 166 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 30, 2012. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012 were 4.27 billion, down 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

Week Ending 06/30/12	2012	2011	Percent Change Previous Year
	(thousand)		
Eggs Set	196,214	197,158	0
Chicks Placed	165,704	168,718	-02
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 11-Aug-12 is estimated at 153.5 million head. This compares to 154.3 million head the previous week and to 159.5 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 160.6 million head and the composite weighted average price was 80.61 cents per pound.

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## 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	MAJORITY	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)	215	42.00-48.00	-	42.84
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	329	48.00-50.00	-	48.88
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

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
62.00 – 66.00	62.76

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 firm for boneless skinless breast; steady to firm for wings and bone-in breast and steady to weak for most dark meat cuts. Trucklot buying activity is light to moderate with dealers continuing to assess market conditions as the Fourth-of-July holiday approaches. Offerings of boneless skinless breast is light and clearing well; bone-in breast and wings are light to moderate and dark meat cuts are moderate to heavy as hot and humid weather conditions continues to hamper much of the area. Movement is slow to moderate.

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Ice packed broiler/fryer parts, delivered to first receivers in pool trucklot and trucklot quantities, cents per pound.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	155-160	137.71	877,160
TENDERLOINS	145	142.39	142,080
BREAST - WITH RIBS	95-96	109.40	49,283
BREAST - LINE RUN	95	95.88	66,511
LEGS	68-69	62.78	145,040
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	46-47	47.16	321,840
DRUMSTICKS	67-68	68.58	104,720
THIGHS	72-73	78.25	70,840
B/S THIGHS	125-126	127.16	76,160
WINGS (WHOLE)	182-183	183.73	247,760
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	4,957
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	52.31	7,790
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	75.02	23,360

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) JULY 4, 2012**

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL		AVG WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	
Alabama	07/04	07/03	07/02	06/29	07/02	06/29	06/27	06/25	
Arkansas	2,192	3,590	3,715	3,873	5.64	5.55	3,603	5.64	
Delmarva	1,410	4,778	4,696	3,677	5.63	5.44	4,728	5.65	
KY-LA-TN	(A)	2,107	2,098	3,269	6.05	6.30	2,072	6.28	
Mississippi	1,629	2,511	2,519	2,669	5.25	5.36	2,525	5.41	
North Carolina	(A)	2,895	2,894	3,788	6.07	5.96	2,887	6.18	
Texas	1,194	2,705	2,455	4,045	6.93	7.25	2,705	7.27	
Total	(A)	2,414	2,472	2,642	6.02	5.90	2,424	6.10	
Mon-Wed	8,153	21,000	20,849	23,963	5.89	6.00	20,944	6.02	
	50,237	(B)					63,001	(B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 04-Jul-12 is estimated to be 12,198,000 ago and down 63.17 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,429,000, last year 33,120,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)**

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

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**

Delivered to Restaurants and Institutions			RANGE
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 07-July-12

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	07/08/12 (1)		07/01/12	
Broiler/fryer	146,268	(2)	157,815	
Light hens	979		1,590	
Heavy hens	1,641		1,726	
Total	148,888		161,131	

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 08-Jul-12 is 156.5 million head compared to 146.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 146.6 million head or 9.9 million less than estimated available. For the week of 15-Jul-12 the estimated available is 157.1 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS** - Selected Centers

(Including government stocks) (In thousands)

PROCESSED TURKEYS		PROCESSED POULTRY	
LBS		LBS	
AM	07/02/12	185,455	48,696
AM	06/01/12	186,525	41,842
CHG		-1,070	6,854
PCT CHG		-1%	16%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of May 31, 2012 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on July 1, 2012 are:

Frozen Eggs	35	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Turkeys	497	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Other Poultry	753	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (In Thousands)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	07/02/12	06/25/12	07/04/11	07/02/12	06/25/12	07/04/11
<b>PACIFIC COAST LOS ANGELES</b>	214	213	209	913	944	2,013
	95	86	88	244	236	107

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

All Papers Required To Sell All Out of State Poultry

	LOW HIGH AVG				LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.60	2.20	1.57	HEAVY FOWL ea.	1.50	6.50	3.17
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	10.25	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	1.00	5.75	3.40
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	1.05	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	2.00	5.75	4.00
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	2.25	2.80	2.60
ROOSTERS lb.	-	2.40	-	ROOSTERS ea.	2.00	15.50	7.55
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.50	3.50	2.22	RABBITS ea.	2.00	3.50	2.92
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	-	3.50	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	1.40	1.90	1.63	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	4.50	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	3.50	8.75	6.13	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-	PEACOCKS ea.	-	-	-
PARTRIDGES ea.	-	-	-	COCKATIELS ea.	-	-	-
DOVES ea.	-	-	-	PHEASANTS ea.	-	-	-
QUAIL ea.	-	1.00	-	FERRETS ea.	-	-	-
CHINCHILAS ea.	-	-	-	MICE ea.	-	-	-
PEAFOWL ea.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL EGGS(doz)	-	-	-
QUAIL EGGS ea.	-	-	-	GOOSE EGGS	-	-	-

TOTAL PIECES SOLD 217

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY**

Cents per pound for the week ending June 29, 2012

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	83.29	145.58	77.87	27.09	6.77	81.26
High	85.32	159.13	91.41	37.24	10.16	81.26
Mostly	84.64	152.35	84.64	27.09	8.46	81.26
<b>SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	81.26	145.58	74.48	23.70	6.77	81.26
High	84.64	155.74	88.03	33.86	10.16	81.26
Mostly	84.64	152.35	81.26	27.09	6.77	81.26
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	83.96	148.97	81.26	30.47	10.16	84.64
High	86.33	162.51	94.80	40.63	16.93	84.64
Mostly	84.64	155.74	88.03	33.86	13.54	84.64
<b>BECERRA</b>						
Low	84.64	152.35	84.64	33.86	10.16	84.64
High	87.01	162.51	98.18	44.01	16.93	84.64
Mostly	84.64	155.74	91.41	37.24	13.54	84.64

**NATIONAL FOWL MARKET** June 29, 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 83 to 91 cents with a steady trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is light to moderate for early week and holiday business as hot temperatures remain in the area. Offerings are moderate for current trade needs. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed from desirable to light. Processor schedules are moderate with many plants closed tomorrow for the 4th of July holiday. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts complex, breast cuts and wings are light to moderate and clearing well. The remainder of items ranged moderate to 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	66-103
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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