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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending firm to higher in the East, firm in the Midwest, and steady in the West. Final majority prices are 2 to 4 cents higher in the Midwest, 3 cents higher in the East and unchanged in the West when compared to last week prices. Offerings are light to moderate and clearing well for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand cover the full range but was noted as mostly moderate to good following the weekend. Floor stocks are moderate to closely balance. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts structure, movement is moderate to at times good entering the week. Prices are trending firm to higher for boneless skinless breast and tenders, steady to firm for whole breast, wings and dark meat items. Offerings are light for tender and breast items with good movement. Wings and dark meat items are light to moderate. Market activity for parts is moderate to active. 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 13-Aug-2012

	Grade A		Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Wtd Avg	Loads
Delivered to First Receivers 1/:				
Boston/New England	TFEWR	:	78.33	15
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	:	78.13	11
Denver	TFEWR	:	90.75	8
Detroit	TFEWR	:	77.76	24
Los Angeles	104.00	98.42	24	87.96
New York	80.00-83.00	81.90	21	82.52
Philadelphia	79.50-81.00	80.40	10	80.31
Pittsburgh	79.00-82.00	81.55	11	84.87
St. Louis	TFEWR	:	75.70	15
San Francisco	104.50	102.13	8	92.59

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:

	Whole Body 2/:		Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Wtd Avg	Loads
Chicago	73.00-82.00	:	77.73	53

Composite Weighted Average 3/:

Loads	08/13/12	Change Last Wk	08/06/12	08/15/11
309	83.17	2.63	80.54	83.07

WOG broiler 4/:	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Eastern	83.00-85.00	84.53	28
Central	75.00-84.00	77.15	71
Western	81.00-86.00	81.92	43

FOB Dock Equivalent 5/:

Mississippi	82.00-86.00	83.67	18
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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 94.75 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.
935	78.00-99.98	94.06

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	206.00	1,701
BREASTS - B/S	164.00	7,342
BREASTS - WHOLE	103.50	1,424
THIGH MEAT - B/S	131.50	1,159
THIGHS	75.00	1,417
DRUMSTICKS	76.00	1,417
LEG QUARTERS	51.00	9,414
WINGS	188.50	3,798

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

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Prices are trending firm to higher for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers is moderate to good as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Offerings of all sizes are in close balance and clearing well. Trade activity is moderate to active. In the parts complex, supplies of tenders and boneless skinless breast are light to moderate with good movement; wings and most dark meat cuts are light to moderate with leg quarters noted in the best balance.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYER Prices for whole broiler/fryers are firm to higher. Offerings are light for current trade need. Retail and distributive demand is moderate to good following the weekend. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for early week trading. Prices are holding firm to higher for tenders and breast items, steady to firm for wings and steady for dark meat items. Offerings of tenders and boneless skinless breast are light and moving well. Wings are light to moderate. All remaining parts are mostly moderate. Market activity for parts is moderate to active. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majorities are unchanged from last Monday's prices. The market on whole broilers is steady and WOGs steady to firm. Retail demand is mostly light to moderate. Food service demand is light to moderate, instances good with best interest on wings. Floor stocks are light to moderate. Parts demand light to moderate, instances good. Sizes are desirable. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average is 80.06 cents, up 1.78 cents on 31 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS - Final majority prices are higher. Whole bird prices are firm. Offers are light. Retail and food service demand is moderate with best movement into fast food, catering, and local fairs and festivals. Floor stocks are closely balanced. Sizes are mixed. Whole bird market activity is active. Supplies of all breast items are light to very light, with the balance of parts light to moderate. Prices continued higher for breast items but remain mostly steady for the balance of parts items. Market activity for parts is light to moderate.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Less-than-trucklot asking prices are 1 cent higher at 84 to 92 cents with a firm to higher trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is moderate to good entering the week as dealers assess current market conditions. Offerings of all sizes are light for trade needs. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but reported as mostly desirable. Processing schedules are mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts complex, offerings of tenders and b/s breast cuts are light and clearing well. The balance of parts are light to moderate.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
Range	72-103
Weighted Average	(A)
No. Of Boxes	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Prices are trending firm to higher for boneless skinless breast and tenders; steady to firm for bone-in breast, wings and most dark meat cuts with legs and leg quarters in the better balance. Trucklot buying activity is noted as moderate to instances good entering the week. Offerings of tenders and boneless skinless breasts are light and moving well. Wings, dark meat cuts and bone-in breast are light to moderate for current needs. Movement is moderate to active.

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		165	140.96	628,640
TENDERLOINS		160-165	156.00	125,440
BREAST - WITH RIBS		96-97	111.82	51,445
BREAST - LINE RUN		96	99.61	66,118
LEGS		68-69	70.41	104,520
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		46-47	48.48	240,880
DRUMSTICKS		64-65	73.19	51,120
THIGHS		72-73	78.53	61,000
B/S THIGHS		125-126	129.12	71,200
WINGS (WHOLE)		186-187	187.83	191,720
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)		16-18	18.00	5,000
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		50-55	50.00	2,390
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		70-75	75.89	10,920

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

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER/FRYERS (In Thousands)

	Estimate	Actual	Avg Wts	Actual	Avg Wts
	** Correction to Texas data and totals **				
	08/13	08/09	08/09	08/06	08/02
Alabama	3,679	3,723	5.57	3,579	5.61
Arkansas	4,961	4,964	5.48	4,849	5.66
Delmarva	1,898	2,079	5.99	2,111	6.12
Ky-LA-TN	2,489	2,420	5.14	2,501	5.18
Mississippi	2,874	2,854	5.81	2,901	5.79
North Carolina	2,664	2,659	7.22	2,561	7.24
Texas	2,404	2,408	5.85	2,419	5.86
Total	20,969	21,107	5.81	20,921	5.88
Mon	20,969	(A)		20,921	(A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 13-Aug 2011 is estimated to be 31,372,000 down 0.07 percent from a week ago.

And down 1.7 percent from a year ago.

(last week 31,394,000 last year 31,919,000)

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	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)	155	45.00-49.00	-	48.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	339	48.00-50.00	-	49.02
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 Aug 13, 2012 - F.O.B. Dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
64.00-67.00	66.00	65.25

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, and WI
Week of 13-Aug-2012 TO 17-Aug-2012, Cents per Pound

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	132.00 - 165.00	142.00 - 150.00
TENDERLOINS	158.00 - 182.00	158.00 - 162.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	90.00 - 119.00	102.00 - 112.00
LEGS	64.00 - 68.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	45.00 - 55.00	48.00 - 50.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	48.00 - 56.00	50.00 - 52.00
DRUMSTICKS	57.00 - 75.00	-
THIGHS	62.00 - 83.00	-
B/S THIGHS	112.00 - 148.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	183.00 - 195.00	-
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	23.00 - 45.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 49.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	38.00 - 60.00	-

CALIFORNIA PROCESSED POULTRY

(cents per pound)

SOUTHERN (L.A. AREA)

Delivered to Restaurants and Institutions

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	106-129
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	112-130
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	

Delivered to Retailers

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	108-123
ROASTERS 4# & UP	128-140
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO

Delivered to Restaurants and Institutions

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	126-190
ROASTERS 4# & UP	126
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.)

MSC prices are trending mostly steady on all fat contents. Demand into export and domestic channels are light to moderate. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Schedules are normal. Most dealers continue to stay out front on spot sales of MSC and frames. Industry as a whole continue to closely monitor the marketplace, especially the grain markets, to strategize possible company positions; however many continue to wait and see how market factors play out before entering contract negotiations. Market activity is slow to moderate. Supplies of raw materials are moderate to heavy. Spot frames traded between 10-14 cents FOB, mostly 11-12 FOB.

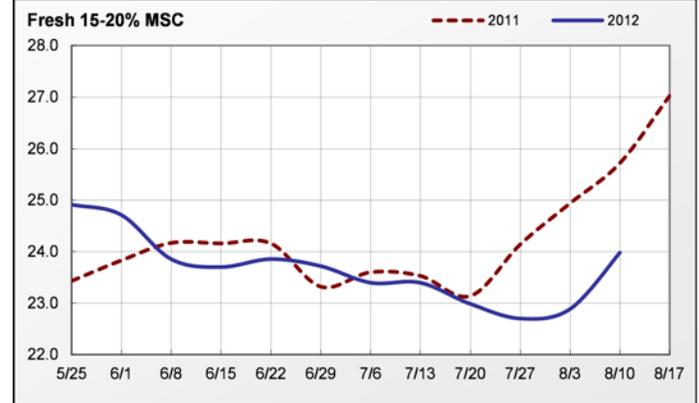
Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	10-Aug-12	Last Week	Last Year	10-Aug-12	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	-	-	-	25.00 - 26.00	25.00 - 26.00	25.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	25.83	25.67	28.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	245	122	82
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	26.00 - 30.00	22.00 - 29.00	25.00-32.00	22.00 - 26.00	18.50 - 26.00	22.00-28.25
Wtd Avg Price	27.96	26.09	27.47	23.98	22.88	25.72
Volume Traded	2,123	3,184	1,537	3,917	4,743	3,977
Volume Exported	1,963	2,624	1,297	82	326	694
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	20.00-21.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	20.50
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	82	82
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Jul 2012	Jun 2012	Jul 2011	Jul 2012	Jun 2012	Jul 2011
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	-	32.00	-	25.76	25.24	24.43
Volume Traded	-	160	-	510	653	571
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	27.83	31.55	26.21	23.15	23.93	23.56
Volume Traded	7,907	7,367	8,116	18,068	22,914	22,513
Volume Exported	6,091	6,987	7,486	1,591	1,591	2,122
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.20	22.33	20.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	204	367	408
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



Note: Volume exported refers to that portion of the total volume that is destined for export markets.

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