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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady to weak in the Midwest, steady elsewhere. Preliminary majority prices are lower in the Midwest, unchanged in the East and West when compared to early week prices. Offerings cover the full range but are mostly moderate for current trade needs. Retail demand is light to good, mostly moderate with few anticipating improvement until first of the month. Food service demand is light to moderate for late week business. Floor stocks are mixed. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate at best. Prices are firm to higher for tenders, steady to weak for wings and breast items. Dark meat items are steady. Offerings of tenders are light with good movement. Beast items, wings and dark meat items are moderate to heavy. Market activity for parts is 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 27-August-2012 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A MAJORITY	RANGE	AVG	WTD LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
New York	83.00-86.00			
Los Angeles	104.00			
Whole Body 2/ Chicago	72.00-85.00	62.00-92.00	78.86	26
FOB Dock Equivalent 3/:				
Mississippi	83.00-87.00	77.00-89.00	84.45	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 95.25 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
814	89.31 - 99.98	94.94

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	207.00	1,105
BREASTS - B/S	176.50	4,460
BREASTS - WHOLE	102.50	975
THIGH MEAT - B/S	130.00	948
THIGHS	73.50	1,043
DRUMSTICKS	72.50	886
LEG QUARTERS	51.50	7,120
WINGS	187.50	2,916

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

MIDWEST BROILER/FRYER Preliminary majority prices into Chicago were lower than Monday's final majority price. Whole bird prices are steady to weak with offerings moderate to at times heavy. Demand into retail and food service channels is light to moderate at best. Fast food is light to moderate with best movement on dark meat items and eight piece cut-ups. Floor stocks are mixed. Sizes are light to heavy. Whole bird market activity is slow to moderate. Supplies of tenders are light, boneless skinless breasts and small wings are moderate to available, and on the balance of parts light to moderate. Prices are trending firm on tenders and jumbo wings, steady to firm on dark meat items, and steady to weak on boneless skinless breasts and small wings. Market activity on parts is slow to moderate.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER Prices are trending no better than steady for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers is light to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes are moderate to heavy for current needs. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts complex, tenders are light and clearing well with premiums noted. Wings, breast cuts and most dark meat items are moderate to heavy with the heavier wings in the best balance.

SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER Prices for whole broiler/fryers are steady. Offerings are sufficient for current trade need. Demand into all channels is moderate with trading usually limited to regular commitments. Market activity is moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate entering the weekend. Prices are firm to higher for tenders, steady to weak for wings and steady for dark meat items. Offerings of tenders and large wings are light and moving well. Breast, small wings and dark meat items are trending moderate to heavy. Market activity for parts is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN BROILER/FRYER The Los Angeles preliminary majority is 104 cents, unchanged from Monday's final. The market on whole broilers is steady. The WOG market is steady to weak. Offerings light to moderate with prices unchanged to lower for next week. Retail demand light to good, mostly moderate with some areas finding improved interest for the weekend. Foodservice demand moderate with some anticipating improved interest next week into resort areas for the holiday weekend. Weights adequate. Floor stocks in a full range from light to mostly moderate. The market on boneless skinless breasts is mixed with prices negotiated early in the week higher while late week offering prices trending lower for next week's shipments, bone-in breasts and jumbo wings steady with bone-in breasts having a steady to firm undertone, tenderloins steady to firm with prices unchanged to higher for next week's shipments. The market on dark items is generally steady. Parts demand is light to good, mostly moderate with increased activity for the weekend reported by some. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts is moderate to moderately heavy, tenderloins very light to moderate, bone-in breasts light, light to moderate. Offerings of dark items light to moderate. Movement mostly light to good, mostly moderate.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Less-than-trucklot asking prices are unchanged at 86 to 94 cents with an about steady trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds ranged light to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes are fully sufficient for present trade needs. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processing schedules are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts complex, tenders are light and clearing well. The balance of parts are 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	68-104
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	08/20/12 - 08/24/12 (A)
	08/22/11 - 08/26/11 (A)
NO. OF BOXES	08/20/12 - 08/24/12 (A)
	08/22/11 - 08/26/11 (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.

Aug 23, 2012

Aug 24, 2012

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	153	140.00-185.00	-	153.00
TENDERLOINS	132	164.00-174.00	-	169.76
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	360	43.00-49.00	-	46.07
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	319	48.00-51.00	-	48.65
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		

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	WEEKLY POUNDS (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S		TOO FEW TO REPORT			670	153.48
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			398	166.40
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT			127	87.44
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT			320	82.72
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	260	45.00-49.00	-	47.12	1,390	46.82
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	244	49.00-51.00	-	49.77	1,369	49.28
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			135	184.22
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			110	121.23

Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for Aug 23, 2012 -- f.o.b. dock.

Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for Aug 24, 2012 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
62.50 - 66.25	64.41

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
62.50 - 66.50	64.67	64.79

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 firm to higher for tenders; steady to weak for wings and breast items. Dark meat cuts are no better than steady. Trucklot buying activity is light to moderate at best entering the weekend. Offerings of tenders are light and moving well under normal premiums; breast items, wings and most dark meat cuts are moderate to heavy for current needs with the smaller sized wings in the longest position. Movement is slow to moderate.

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

Aug 23, 2012

Aug 24, 2012

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS.
BREAST - B/S	170-175	151.91	849,320
TENDERLOINS	170-175	168.25	215,640
BREAST - WITH RIBS	96-97	109.15	49,530
BREAST - LINE RUN	96	99.14	68,266
LEGS	68-69	74.00	51,160
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	52.19	238,910
DRUMSTICKS	64-65	75.07	75,653
THIGHS	73-74	82.93	57,740
B/S THIGHS	125-126	126.34	121,840
WINGS (WHOLE)	186-187	184.64	253,102
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	5,040
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	53.33	10,170
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.18	24,300

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS.	WEEKLY WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS.
BREAST - B/S	170-175	151.92	627,560	151.46	3,638,760
TENDERLOINS	170-175	167.16	150,720	166.53	881,040
BREAST - WITH RIBS	96-97	103.59	60,861	108.33	255,882
BREAST - LINE RUN	96	98.53	66,345	99.19	339,308
LEGS	68-69	77.76	46,160	70.66	343,600
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	52.28	152,600	51.19	1,073,990
DRUMSTICKS	64-65	76.54	45,480	74.43	319,333
THIGHS	73-74	82.40	40,200	82.19	234,620
B/S THIGHS	125-126	127.48	68,800	127.14	455,320
WINGS (WHOLE)	186-187	190.10	183,480	186.57	1,065,942
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	4,590	18.00	27,744
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	52.00	8,070	52.19	42,950
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	75.00	17,640	74.31	102,340

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 WT		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WT	
	08/24	08/23	08/22	08/21	08/22	08/21	08/17	08/15	08/17	08/15
Alabama	3,635	3,846	3,406	3,618	5.65	5.60	4,031	5.83		
Arkansas	4,521	5,001	4,899	4,744	5.60	5.87	4,990	5.65		
Delmarva	2,080	2,134	1,915	2,167	6.36	6.21	2,080	6.06		
Ky-LA-TN	2,310	2,523	2,507	2,522	5.37	5.37	2,706	5.25		
Mississippi	3,068	2,842	2,835	2,844	6.02	6.08	3,189	5.92		
North Carolina	3,315	2,639	2,649	2,631	7.26	7.23	3,324	7.22		
Texas	2,362	2,390	2,383	2,414	6.04	6.09	2,789	5.89		
Total	21,291	21,375	20,594	20,940	5.97	6.02	23,109	5.94		
Mon-Friday	105,590 (A)						105,616 (A)			
Saturday	1,462 (included in total for date shown)						3,030			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 24-Aug-12 and 25-Aug-12 is estimated to be 31,854,000 head down 8.14 percent from a week ago and up 6.41 percent from a year ago. (Last week 31,103,000, last year 29,936,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 25-Aug-12 is estimated to be 157,974,000 head up 0.06 percent from a week ago, and up 0.48 percent from a year ago. (Last week 157,872,000, last year 157,223,000)

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 126-190
	ICE PACK
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK 126
	ICE PACK
DUCKS	217-295

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Week ending 18-Aug-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	39,155	66,435	30,831	21,451	157,872
Avg Live Wgt	3.84	5.25	6.89	8.28	5.63
% of total /1	25%	42%	19%	14%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	35,051	73,383	25,128	22,518	156,080
Avg Live Wgt	3.65	5.27	6.80	8.66	5.64
% of total /1	22%	47%	16%	15%	100%
Year Ago 2/	36,846	70,971	30,776	20,157	158,750
Avg Live Wgt	3.72	5.46	6.82	8.19	5.67
% of total /1	23%	45%	19%	13%	100%
To date/2012*	1,227,355	2,136,339	912,328	753,848	5,029,870
To date/2011*	1,202,580	2,303,960	972,245	782,095	5,260,880
% Change YTD	2%	-7%	-6%	-4%	-4%

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 18-Aug -2012

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	157,872	1,235	2,007	3,242	401
Avg Wt	5.63	3.32	7.58	5.96	6.57
Last week	156,080	1,021	1,922	2,943	405
Same wk yr ago	158,750	1,230	1,490	2,720	438
Avg Wt	5.67	3.20	8.07	5.87	6.84
To-date/2012*	5,029,870	50,418	52,544	102,962	13,703
To-date/2011*	5,260,880	45,187	51,040	96,227	14,316
% Change YTD	-4%	12%	3%	7%	-4%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	671,059	2,214	10,421	12,635	1,910
Last week	664,620	1,720	9,861	11,581	1,879
Same wk yr ago	670,584	2,086	7,696	9,782	2,157
To-date/2012*	21,640,451	84,983	277,671	362,654	66,064
To-date/2011*	22,428,535	77,228	265,927	343,155	69,596
% Change YTD	-4%	10%	4%	6%	-5%

Dressing %	75.5%	54.0%	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 155.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 159.8 million head, or 4.8 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
Jul	14	158.2	157.1	101%	5.56
	21	160.6	157.1	102%	5.67
	28	159.1	157.5	101%	5.60
Aug	4	156.8	157.8	99%	5.75
	11	158.0	157.0	101%	5.64
	18	159.8	155.0	103%	5.63
Year to date		5091.1	5086.8	100%	
Aug 25			153.8		
Sep 1			153.9		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

EASTERN REGION MISC. POULTRY

For delivery the week of AUGUST 20, 2012

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 LBS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT & POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS/LB

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 LBS & UP, DELIVERED, CENTS/LB

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12/BOX)	77.00-90.00	79.00-84.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9/ BOX)	82.00-91.00	82.00-86.00

SQUABS: NY AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS/DOZ, 1-10 BOXES

	11 oz.	13 oz.	15 oz.
	74.88-99.79	82.80-114.54	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 are steady with a continuing steady undertone. Demand and supplies are mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate. Processing schedules are normal. 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 & POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 LBS, CENTS/LB. WEEK OF 20-AUG-2012

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST & OTHERS	192-218	194-223

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection (in thousands)

W/E	08/25/12	08/18/12	%chg	08/27/11	%chg
Broilers	157,974	157,872 ¹	+0.06	157,223 ¹	+0.48
Cattle	653	643	+02	678 ²	-04
Hogs	2,265	2,166	+05	2,123 ²	+07

¹ Actual data incorporated when available.

² Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION *AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY*****

DATE OF AUCTION: 08-21-12 - PRICES PAID PER LB., EXCEPT AS NOTED

	RANGE	RANGE	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.25 - 1.50 lbs.	Geese 9-14LBS	1.80 - 2.00 lbs.
Cockatiels	- 26.00 ea.	Pigeons	2.70 - 3.60 ea.
Pekin Ducks	3.00 - 4.00 ea.	White Pigeons	3.00 - 3.25 ea.
Pullets 4-6LBS	- 1.05 lbs.	Rabbits 6-9LBS	1.10 - 1.30 lbs.
Red Fowl 5-6LBS	.55 - 0.60 lbs.	Rabbits 4-6LBS	1.40 - 1.85 lbs.
Red Fowl 4-5LBS	.45 - 0.60 lbs.	Bunnies	2.00 - 3.00 ea.
Leghorn Roosters	1.00 - 1.50 ea.	Doves	3.00 - 4.00 ea.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6LBS	1.10 - 1.20 lbs.	Silgies	3.00 - 5.00 ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9LBS	.50 - 0.80 lbs.	Goats	95.00 - 100.00 ea.
Banty Roosters	2.00 - 3.00 ea.	Call Ducks	7.00 - 12.00 ea.
Banty Hens	1.50 - 2.00 ea.	Guinea Keets	2.00 - 2.50 ea.
Guinea Pigs	.50 - 2.50 ea.	Chicks	.05 - 3.10 ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.80 - 2.00 lbs.	Quail	.80 - 1.00 ea.
Kid Goats	45.00 - 50.00 ea.	Love Birds	28.00 - 41.00 ea.
			Parakeets 11.00 - 13.00 ea.
			Broilers 1.05 - 1.15 lbs.
			Ducklings 1.50 - 1.70 ea.
			Finch - 5.00 ea.
			Pheasants 10.00 - 30.00 ea.
			Laying Pullets - 4.50 ea.
			Fancy Bantams 7.00 - 10.00 ea.
			Fancy Pigeons 10.00 - 20.00 ea.
			Hamsters .05 - 0.25 ea.
			Diamond Doves 8.50 - 11.00 ea.
			Parrots - 390.00 ea.
			Turkey Poults .80 - 2.00 ea.
			Muscovy Ducks - Hens 1.30 - 1.60 lbs.
			Total Coops Sold 4468

