



NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending steady in the West, steady to weak elsewhere. Offerings are moderate to heavy for current trade needs. Retail demand is light to moderate, instances good. Food service demand is light to moderate. Floor stocks are mixed. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light and generally unaggressive for mid-week business. Prices are trending steady to firm for tenders, steady to weak for wings and b/s breast. Whole breast and dark meat cuts are mostly steady. Offerings of tenders are light to moderate and moving well. Wings are moderate to heavy with small wings in the longest position. Dark meat items and bone-in breast are at least sufficient for current needs. Market activity for parts is slow. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

The Composite Weighted Average price for 09/03/12 is 81.60 compared to 84.33 a week earlier, and 77.97 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 95.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 89.00 cents last year on September 07, 2011.

Table with 2 columns: ITEM and DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND). Rows include LINE RUN TENDERS (208.50), BREASTS - B/S (175.50), BREASTS - WHOLE (103.00), THIGH MEAT - B/S (130.50), THIGHS (73.00), DRUMSTICKS (69.50), LEG QUARTERS (51.50), WINGS (185.50).

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

SOUTHERN REGION Whole broiler/fryers prices are steady. Offerings are sufficient for current trade needs. 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 business. Prices are steady for tenders, whole breast and dark meat items. Wings and boneless skinless breast prices are trending steady to weak. Offerings of tenders are moderate, wings are moderate to heavy and with small wings slow to clear, dark meat items and whole breast are sufficient. Market activity for parts is mostly slow. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION The Los Angeles delivered quote is 105 cents, unchanged from last week. The market on whole broilers is steady. The WOG market is steady to weak with offering prices unchanged to lower. Offerings moderate. Retail demand light to instances good, mostly light to moderate. Foodservice demand light to moderate. Weights adequate. Floor stocks moderate. The market on boneless skinless breasts is steady to weak with offering prices unchanged to lower, jumbo wings mostly steady while smaller sized wings are instances weak, tenderloins steady, and bone-in breasts steady. The market on dark items is mostly steady with some sellers of fresh leg meat finding price resistance at the higher trending offering prices. Parts demand is light to good, mostly light to moderate. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts are moderate to heavy, balance of white items light to moderate with a few finding bone-in breasts not as tight as previous weeks. Offerings of dark items light to moderate. Movement light to good, mostly light to moderate.

MIDWEST REGION Whole bird prices are steady to weak. Offers are moderate to at times heavy. Demand into retail and food service channels is light to moderate. Floor stocks are mixed. Sizes are desirable to light. Whole bird market activity is slow to moderate. Supplies of boneless skinless breasts and small wings are moderate to heavy, light on tenders and jumbo wings, and light to moderate on the balance of parts. Parts prices trended firm on tenders and jumbo wings, steady on dark meat items, and steady to weak on boneless skinless breasts and small wings. Market activity on parts is slow to moderate.

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 as dealers saw no need to extend floor stocks beyond regular commitments. Offerings of all sizes are moderate to heavy for current needs. Market activity is slow. In the parts complex, tenders are light to moderate and clearing well. Boneless skinless breast are available and wings and most dark meat items are moderate to heavy with the smaller sized wings noted as slightly more available.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET UP SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 189 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 1, 2012. This was up slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS PLACED DOWN 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 160 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 1, 2012. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2012 through September 1, 2012 were 5.74 billion, down 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

Table with 4 columns: Week Ending 09/01/12, 2012, 2011, Percent Change Previous Year. Rows include Eggs Set (189,466 vs 189,258, 0 change) and Chicks Placed (160,092 vs 160,923, -01 change). Includes 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 13-Oct-12 is estimated at 148.5 million head. This compares to 149.3 million head the previous week and to 153.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 155.7 million head and the composite weighted average price was 72.29 cents per pound.

**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.

ITEMS	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)	340	46.00-49.00	-	47.13
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	302	48.00-51.00	-	49.25
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 SEP 05, 2012 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
63.00 - 66.50	64.60	64.53

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 steady for tenders; steady to weak for wings and weak to lower for boneless skinless breast. Bone-in breast and dark meat cuts are mostly steady. Trucklot buying activity is light and generally unaggressive for mid-week trading. Offerings of tenders are moderate and clearing satisfactorily; wings are moderate to heavy with the smaller wings in the longest position. Dark meat cuts and bone-in breasts are at least 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

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS.
BREAST - B/S	160-165	150.76	538,920
TENDERLOINS	180	171.10	60,960
BREAST - WITH RIBS	96-97	109.18	49,761
BREAST - LINE RUN	96	99.47	66,356
LEGS	68-69	75.38	140,120
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	51.37	283,320
DRUMSTICKS	64-65	71.97	79,760
THIGHS	73-74	85.78	34,240
B/S THIGHS	125-126	129.72	27,400
WINGS (WHOLE)	185-186	183.28	302,960
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	4,609
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	51.63	3,250
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	75.11	6,960

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 SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS**

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL		AVG	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Alabama	09/05	09/04	09/03	08/31	09/03	08/31	08/29	08/27		
Arkansas	3,812	4,007	2,025	4,175	5.26	5.85	3,489	5.85		
Delmarva	4,746	4,780	1,005	3,495	4.95	5.41	4,800	5.75		
KY-LA-TN	2,144	2,123	Holiday	3,109	Holiday	6.43	2,125	6.43		
Mississippi	2,322	2,382	2,231	2,941	5.35	5.53	2,369	5.42		
North Carolina	2,896	2,899	1,497	3,725	5.66	5.98	1,824	6.13		
Texas	2,576	2,597	1,014	2,803	6.60	7.32	2,494	7.32		
Total	2,405	2,173	835	2,879	5.39	5.96	2,394	6.18		
Mon-Wed	20,901	20,961	8,607	23,127	5.49	6.03	19,495	6.08		
	49,607(A)						60,522(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 05-Sep-12 is estimated to be 31,270,000 head up 6.89 percent from a week ago and down 2.36 percent from a year ago. (Last week 29,254,000, last year 32,027,000)

**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	126-190
ROASTERS 4# & UP	126
DUCKS	217-295

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

Under Federal Inspection for Week Ending 08-September-12

Class	Current Week		Previous Week	
	09/08/12 (1)	Thousand head	09/01/12	Thousand head
Broiler/fryer	143,131(2)		156,925	
Light hens	1,583		1,629	
Heavy hens	1,778		1,751	
Total	146,492		160,305	

(1)Estimated

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 08-Sep-12 is 153.0 million head compared to 143.2 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 143.4 million head or 9.6 million less than estimated available. For the week of 15-Sep-12 the estimated available is 152.9 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers**

	(INC. GOV'T STOCKS)		(IN THOUSANDS)	
	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed other Poultry LBS	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed other Poultry LBS
AM 09/03/12	190,065		57,675	
AM 08/01/12	183,933		58,091	
CHG	6132		-416	
PCT CHG	3%		-1%	

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

Processed Turkeys	573 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Other Poultry	644 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT - (IN THOUSANDS)**

	Processed Turkeys			Processed other Poultry		
	09/03/12	08/27/12	09/05/11	09/03/12	08/27/12	09/05/11
<b>Pacific Coast</b>	261	264	1043	1078	1072	2372
<b>Los Angeles</b>	135	135	120	289	289	680

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 9/04/12**

\*AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG			LOW HIGH AVG		
	lb.	ea.	ea.	lb.	ea.	ea.
HEAVY FOWL	.20	.45	.32	2.50	3.25	3.03
LIGHT FOWL	-	-	-	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL	-	-	-	-	-	-
BANTAMS	-	-	-	.25	2.00	1.02
BROILERS	-	-	-	-	-	-
ROASTERS	-	-	-	-	-	-
FRYERS	-	-	-	-	-	-
CHICKS	-	-	-	.50	1.50	1.02
PULLETS	-	-	-	2.50	3.00	2.68
BUNNIES	-	.70	-	1.00	3.50	1.89
ROOSTERS	.30	.40	.34	1.00	5.00	2.32
GEESE	-	-	-	-	-	-
TURKEYS	-	-	-	-	-	-
DUCKS	-	1.00	-	.25	7.50	1.50
RABBITS	.20	1.20	.60	-	-	-
PIGEONS	-	-	-	1.00	2.75	2.00
GUINEA FOWL	-	-	-	6.00	6.25	6.13
DUCKLINGS	-	-	-	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS	-	-	-	-	-	-
SILKIES	7.75	8.50	8.20	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS	-	1.00	-	-	-	-
CHUKARS	-	-	-	-	37.50	-
PARTRIDGES	-	-	-	-	-	-
DOVES	-	-	-	-	-	-
QUAIL	-	-	-	-	-	-
CHINCHILAS	-	-	-	-	-	-
PEAFOWL	-	-	-	-	-	-
QUAIL EGGS	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL PIECES SOLD	393					

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - MEXICO CITY**

Cents per pound for the week ending August 31, 2012

	Whole Chickens		Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers/	Hens
	Breasts	W/Thighs	& Wings	Gizzards		
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	85.09	137.24	68.62	27.45	6.86	89.21
High	87.15	150.97	85.78	34.31	10.29	89.21
Mostly	85.78	144.11	78.92	29.16	8.58	89.21

**SAN JUAN**

Low	84.06	133.81	68.62	24.02	6.86	89.21
High	85.78	147.54	82.35	30.88	10.29	89.21
Mostly	85.78	140.68	75.48	27.45	8.58	89.21

**NEW SAN JUAN**

Low	85.09	137.24	72.05	27.45	10.29	92.64
High	87.84	154.40	89.21	37.74	13.72	92.64
Mostly	85.78	147.54	82.35	30.88	10.29	92.64

**BECERRA**

Low	85.78	137.24	75.48	30.88	10.29	92.64
High	88.18	157.83	92.64	41.17	13.72	92.64
Mostly	85.78	150.97	85.78	34.31	10.29	92.64

**NATIONAL FOWL MARKET**

**Ready-to-Cook**

**Midwest Region Negotiated Prices to First Receivers**

(cents/lb. delivered to first receivers; U.S. Grade A and Plant Grade)

		Price Range
Hens	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 BROILER/FRYER**

Less-than-trucklot asking prices are unchanged at 83 to 92 cents with a steady to weak trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is light to at times moderate for mid-week business. Offerings are available for current trade needs. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processor schedules are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts complex, tenders are light to moderate and moving satisfactorily. The balance of parts 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 66-104

WEIGHTED AVERAGE (A)

NO. OF BOXES (A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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