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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady to no better than steady in the East, steady elsewhere. Final majority prices are unchanged in the East and West, unchanged to slightly higher in the Midwest when compared to last week prices. Offerings are moderate to heavy for present trade needs. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate following the weekend. Floor stocks balanced to light. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for early week business. Prices are steady to firm for tenders, steady to weak for b/s breast, and wings, steady for dark meat items. Offerings of tenders are light with good movement. Breast items, dark meat items and wings are moderate to heavy with jumbo wings in the best position and b/s breast in the weakest position. Market activity for parts is slow to moderate. 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 10-Sep-2012

	Grade A		Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Wtd Avg	Loads
Delivered to First Receivers 1/:				
Boston/New England	TFEWR		79.50	14
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		78.87	10
Denver	TFEWR		95.13	8
Detroit	TFEWR		74.27	21
Los Angeles	105.00	104.07	86.90	62
New York	80.00-83.00	81.36	82.87	41
Philadelphia	79.50-81.00	79.77	80.50	22
Pittsburgh	79.00-82.00	80.18	85.33	50
St. Louis	TFEWR		76.67	15
San Francisco	105.50	103.69	95.68	17

	Whole Body 2/:		Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Wtd Avg	Loads
Chicago	66.00-78.00		77.11	52

Composite Weighted Average 3/:				
Loads	09/10/12	Change Last Wk	09/03/12	09/12/11
312	83.16	1.56	81.60	76.00

WOG broiler 4/:	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Eastern	84.00-86.00	84.91	31
Central	68.00-76.00	73.71	70
Western	78.00-88.00	83.69	58

FOB Dock Equivalent 5/:
Mississippi 82.00-87.00 84.68 19
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 95.50 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.
930	78.00-99.99	94.74

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	209.50	1,773
BREASTS - B/S	175.50	7,414
BREASTS - WHOLE	103.50	1,496
THIGH MEAT - B/S	129.50	1,231
THIGHS	74.00	1,417
DRUMSTICKS	75.50	1,417
LEG QUARTERS	51.50	9,486
WINGS	183.00	3,870

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

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Prices are trending steady at best for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers is light to moderate as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Offerings of all sizes are at least sufficient for current needs. Trade activity is slow to moderate. In the parts complex, supplies of tenders are light to moderate and moving well; wings, boneless skinless breasts and most dark meat cuts are moderate to heavy with the larger sized wings noted as in the best position.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYER Whole broiler/fryers prices are steady. Offerings are sufficient for current trade needs. Demand is moderate following the weekend with trading usually limited to regular commitments. Market activity is moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to at times moderate for late week business. Prices are steady for tenders, whole breast, and dark meat items, weak for b/s breast and steady to weak for wings. Offerings of tenders are light to moderate and moving well. Breast items, dark meat items and wings are moderate to heavy with jumbo wings in the best position and b/s breast in the weakest position. Market activity for parts is slow. 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. Whole bird prices are mostly steady. Offerings are moderate. Demand for both retail and food service is light to moderate. Floor stocks are moderate. Whole bird market activity is slow to moderate. Parts prices are lower for b/s breast and steady for the balance of the items. Parts demand is light to moderate. The market activity for parts is moderate. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average is 81.26 cents, up 2.79 cents on 46 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS - Final majority prices are unchanged to higher. Whole bird prices are steady with offerings moderate. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate. Floor stocks are balanced to light. Sizes are in a full range of light to heavy. Whole bird market activity is slow to moderate. Supplies of tenders and jumbo wings light, dark meat light to moderate, and on the remainder of parts moderate. 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 for parts is slow to moderate.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS 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 as dealers assess current market conditions entering the week. Offerings are moderate to heavy for trade needs. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processing schedules are moderate. Market activity is slow. In the parts complex, tenders are light to moderate. The balance of parts are moderate to heavy.

	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
Range	70-102
Weighted Average	(A)
No. Of Boxes	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Prices are trending steady for tenders; steady to weak for wings and boneless skinless breast. Bone-in breast and most dark meat cuts are mostly steady. Trucklot buying activity is light as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Offerings of tenders are light to moderate and clearing satisfactorily; wings are moderate to heavy with the larger sized wings in the best balance. 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	144.31	642,560
TENDERLOINS	180	177.86	124,440
BREAST - WITH RIBS	96-97	111.94	58,624
BREAST - LINE RUN	96	99.11	66,547
LEGS	68-69	80.13	48,560
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	51.96	183,840
DRUMSTICKS	64-65	75.20	88,960
THIGHS	73-74	80.09	64,040
B/S THIGHS	127-128	131.57	75,120
WINGS (WHOLE)	185-186	184.32	221,360
BACKS & NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	8,960
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	52.44	8,440
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	75.49	18,960

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

	Estimate (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wts	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wts
	09/10	09/06	09/06	09/03	08/30
Alabama	3,544	3,819	5.72	2,025	5.64
Arkansas	4,721	4,522	5.45	1,005	5.64
Delmarva	2,091	2,032	6.24	Holiday	6.18
Ky-LA-TN	2,446	2,520	5.19	2,231	4.99
Mississippi	2,827	2,882	5.94	1,497	5.94
North Carolina	2,627	2,571	7.17	1,014	7.15
Texas	2,390	2,418	6.13	835	5.91
Total	20,646	20,764	5.91	8,607	5.89
Mon	20,646(A)			8,607(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 10-Sep 2011 is estimated to be 30,889,000 up 139.15 percent from a week ago. and down 3.4 percent from a year ago. (last week 12,916,000 last year 31,990,000)

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	MAJ	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)	180	46.00-49.00	-	46.92
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	244	48.00-51.00	-	48.38
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 10, 2012 -- F.O.B. DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
63.00 - 66.50	64.46	64.41

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, & WI WEEK OF 10-SEP-2012 TO 14-SEP-2012, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	130.00 - 169.00	132.00 - 147.00
TENDERLOINS	175.00 - 202.00	179.00 - 185.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	97.00 - 114.00	98.00 - 110.00
LEGS	65.00 - 68.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	46.00 - 56.00	48.00 - 53.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	50.00 - 58.00	50.00 - 55.00
DRUMSTICKS	50.50 - 73.00	-
THIGHS	641.00 - 83.00	-
B/S THIGHS	120.00 - 132.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	147.00 - 196.00	-
BACKS & NECKS (STRIPPED)	17.00 - 45.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 49.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	38.00 - 60.00	-

CALIFORNIA PROCESSED POULTRY – cents per pound

IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	110-131
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	114-132
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

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

IN SAN FRANCISCO DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

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

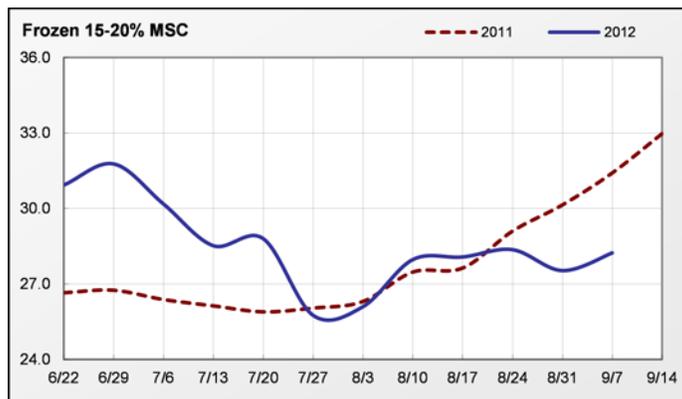
National Mechanically Separated Chicken

(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.)

Prices are trending steady on all fat contents of MSC. Supplies are moderate. Schedules are normal to reduced for the Labor Day holiday. Demand into export and domestic channels is light to moderate with MSC seeing slight improvements in demand and movement in recent weeks. Producers continue to stay out front on spot sales of MSC and frames. Industry maintains a close eye on the marketplace with regard to the grain markets, planning possible company positions for the 2013 contract negotiations, which are underway. Market activity is slow to moderate. Supplies of raw materials are moderate to heavy. Spot frames traded between 11-14 cents FOB, mostly 11-13 FOB.

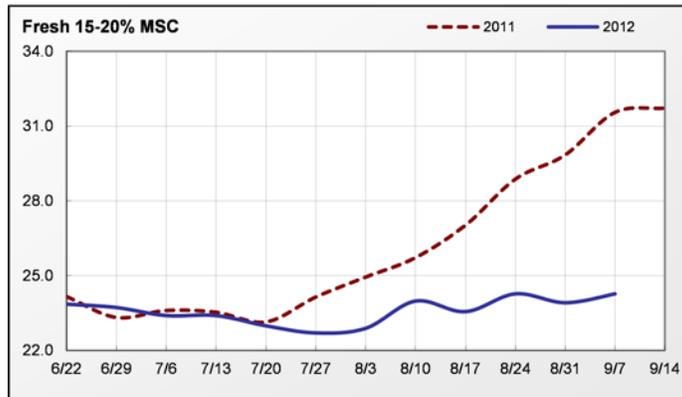
Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	7-Sep-12	Last Week	Last Year	7-Sep-12	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	30.00	-	-	24.00 - 26.00	23.50 - 26.00	32.00
Wtd Avg Price	30.00	-	-	25.33	25.44	32.00
Volume Traded	40	-	-	122	184	163
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	26.00 - 30.00	26.00 - 30.00	29.00-35.00	23.00 - 27.00	20.00 - 26.00	27.00-36.00
Wtd Avg Price	28.23	27.53	31.41	24.27	23.91	31.55
Volume Traded	1,955	2,200	1,502	4,570	5,017	2,499
Volume Exported	1,755	2,160	1,442	694	325	734
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.50	22.50	-
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.50	22.50	-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	82	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Aug 2012	Jul 2012	Aug 2011	Aug 2012	Jul 2012	Aug 2011
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	30.00	-	-	25.65	25.76	27.24
Volume Traded	40	-	-	877	510	592
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	27.43	27.83	27.62	23.70	23.15	26.57
Volume Traded	11,085	7,907	6,288	21,571	18,068	16,134
Volume Exported	10,205	6,091	5,888	1,468	1,591	2,489
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.20	22.20	20.67
Volume Traded	-	-	-	408	204	245
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

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