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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady in all areas with offerings moderate to at times heavy for present trade needs. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate with best movement into fast food channels. Floor stocks are mixed. Market activity is slow to moderate for mid-week business. In the parts structure, movement is light and unaggressive as dealers were content to limit orders to regular commitments. Prices are steady to firm for jumbo wings, steady to weak for whole breast and weak to lower for tenders and b/s breast. Dark meat items are mostly steady. Offerings of tenders and b/s breast are readily available and slow to clear. Dark meat items are moderate to heavy with drums in the longest position. Jumbo wings are light and moving well. Market activity for parts is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

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 95.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 89.00 cents last year on September 14, 2011.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	207.50
BREASTS - B/S	173.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	103.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	131.50
THIGHS	73.50
DRUMSTICKS	69.50
LEG QUARTERS	52.00
WINGS	184.00

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

SOUTHERN REGION Prices are trending steady for whole broiler/fryers. Offerings are sufficient for current trade needs. Demand is light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light for mid-week business. Prices are trending steady to weak for wings and breast items. Dark meat items are mostly steady. Tenders are weak to lower and slow to clear. Offerings of tenders and breast items are moderate to heavy. Wings are moderate to heavy but jumbo wings are firm and moving well. Dark meat items are moderate. Market activity for parts is mostly slow. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION Whole bird prices are steady. Offerings are moderate. Demand into retail and food service is light to moderate. Many buyers are keeping floor stocks closely balanced. Weights are desirable. The whole bird market activity is slow to moderate. Supplies of boneless skinless breasts are moderate to heavy, jumbo wings light, and on the balance of parts moderate. Prices trended weak on boneless skinless breasts, steady to firm on jumbo wings, and steady on the remainder of parts. Market activity for parts is slow to moderate.

MIDWEST REGION Whole bird prices are steady. Additional offers are moderate to at times heavy. Demand into retail and food service channels is light to moderate with best movement into fast food channels. Floor stocks are mixed. Sizes are in a desirable range. Whole bird market activity is slow to moderate. Supplies of jumbo wings are light, boneless skinless breasts moderate to heavy, and on the balance of parts moderate. Parts prices trended steady to firm on jumbo wings, weak on boneless skinless breasts, and steady on the remainder of parts. Market activity on parts is slow to moderate.

NORTHEAST REGION Prices are trending steady for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers is light to moderate for mid-week trading. Offerings of all sizes are at least sufficient for current needs. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breast and tenders are readily available with discounting noted. Wings and bone-in breast are moderate to heavy with drums and the smaller wings noted as slightly more available.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 186 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 8, 2012. This was up 1 percent 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 SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 160 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 8, 2012. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2012 through September 8, 2012 were 5.90 billion, down 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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

Week Ending 09/08/12	2012	2011	Percent Change Previous Year
	(thousand)		
Eggs Set	186,325	185,218	+01
Chicks Placed	159,596	160,203	0

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 20-Oct-12 is estimated at 147.1 million head. This compares to 148.5 million head the previous week and to 153.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 151.9 million head and the composite weighted average price was 75.60 cents per pound.

SEP 11

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

SEP 12

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			WTD AVG	ITEM	POUNDS			WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY			(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	
BREAST - B/S		TOO FEW TO REPORT			BREAST - B/S		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT			BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT			FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	265	46.00-49.00	-	47.87	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	210	46.00-49.00	-	47.43
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	229	48.00-51.00	-	48.77	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	237	47.00-51.00	-	48.28
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S 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	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
62.00 - 65.50	64.01	62.50 - 65.50	63.97	64.22

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 most dark meat cuts; steady to weak for wings and bone-in breast and weak to lower for tenders and boneless skinless breasts. Trucklot buying activity is light and unaggressive as dealers were content to limit orders to regular commitments. Offerings are readily available for tenders and boneless skinless breast; moderate to heavy for wings, bone-in breast and most dark meat cuts with drums in the longest position. Movement is slow.

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

SEP 11 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	SEP 12 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	160	145.54	923,040	BREAST - B/S	155-160	144.78	649,660
TENDERLOINS	180	179.44	196,640	TENDERLOINS	175-180	174.03	178,080
BREAST - WITH RIBS	96-97	111.61	55,457	BREAST - WITH RIBS	96-97	113.16	39,153
BREAST - LINE RUN	96	98.88	68,740	BREAST - LINE RUN	96	98.85	65,441
LEGS	68-69	79.31	94,120	LEGS	68-69	77.65	134,400
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	51.61	317,600	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	52.94	94,273
DRUMSTICKS	64-65	71.87	74,520	DRUMSTICKS	63-64	72.22	48,300
THIGHS	73-74	79.58	55,440	THIGHS	73-74	79.45	39,780
B/S THIGHS	127-128	127.75	116,240	B/S THIGHS	127-128	129.76	70,760
WINGS (WHOLE)	185-186	187.96	252,160	WINGS (WHOLE)	185-186	187.93	231,480
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	3,360	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	4,059
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	53.77	2,440	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	52.44	3,190
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.82	27,040	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	73.89	21,230

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

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL		AVG WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Alabama	3,808	3,841	3,677	4,139	5.72	6.01	3,739	5.26	
Arkansas	4,592	4,644	4,717	4,230	5.72	5.44	4,704	4.95	
Delmarva	1,966	2,113	2,093	2,731	6.38	6.19	2,116	0.00	
KY-LA-TN	2,514	2,484	2,439	2,903	5.17	5.23	2,505	5.35	
Mississippi	2,870	2,818	2,838	3,004	6.06	5.96	2,923	5.66	
North Carolina	2,647	2,584	2,557	3,140	7.29	7.39	2,636	6.60	
Texas	2,384	2,419	2,392	2,945	6.15	6.14	2,434	5.39	
Total	20,781	20,903	20,713	23,092	6.01	6.03	21,057	5.49	
Mon-Wed	62,330	(A)					50,629	(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 12-Sep-12 is estimated to be 31,091,000 head down 1.60 percent from a week ago and down 0.02 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,598,000, last year 31,097,000)

PROCESSED POULTRY
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

Delivered to Retailers		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS		108-123
ROASTERS 4# & UP		128-140
DUCKS		
RABBITS-WHOLE		
RABBITS-CUT UP		
SAN FRANCISCO		RANGE
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

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF U.S. BROILER/FRYERS AND FOWL

Under Federal Inspection for Week Ending 14-Sep-12

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	09/15/12 (1)		09/08/12	
Broiler/fryer	157,048 (2)		143,131	
Light hens	1,206		1,583	
Heavy hens	1,760		1,778	
Total	160,014		146,492	

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 15-Sep-12 is 152.9 million head compared to 161.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 157.4 million head or 4.5 million more than estimated available. For the week of 22-Sep-12 the estimated available is 153.5 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

Selected Centers	(Including government stocks)		(In thousands)	
	Frozen Eggs	Proc. Turkeys	Proc. other	Poultry lbs
AM 09/10/12	3,202	186,677	55,284	
AM 09/01/12	2,964	190,065	57,675	
CHG	238	-3,388	-2,391	
PCT CHG	8%	-2%	-4%	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (In Thousands)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	09/10/12	09/03/12	09/12/11	09/10/12	09/03/12	09/12/11
PACIFIC COAST	263	261	1,017	1,026	1,078	1,989
LOS ANGELES	137	135	213	293	289	622

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

All Papers Required To Sell All Out of State Poultry

	LOW HIGH AVG			FOR 09/11/12			
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG	
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.15	1.30	.47	HEAVY FOWL ea.	2.50	7.00	5.86
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	.50	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	2.50	5.75	3.60
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	1.50	2.50	2.12
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	1.00	10.50	3.46
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	2.00	7.00	4.50
ROOSTERS lb.	.90	1.50	1.08	ROOSTERS ea.	3.25	9.00	6.86
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	1.30	1.50	1.08	DUCKS ea.	3.00	9.50	3.89
RABBITS lb.	.03	2.20	1.34	RABBITS ea.	1.50	3.00	2.63
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.50	4.25	2.42
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	7.00	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	2.25	6.00	4.36	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	4.75	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	10.00	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-	PEACOCKS ea.	-	-	-
PARTRIDGES ea.	-	-	-	COCKATIELS ea.	-	-	-
DOVES ea.	-	-	-	PHEASANTS ea.	-	-	-
QUAIL ea.	-	4.00	-	FERRETS ea.	-	-	-
CHINCHILAS ea.	-	-	-	MICE ea.	-	-	-
PEAFOWL ea.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL EGGS(doz)	-	-	-
QUAIL EGGS ea.	-	-	-	GOOSE EGGS	-	-	-

TOTAL PIECES SOLD 337

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending Sep 07, 2012

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	85.97	136.29	66.40	20.97	6.99	83.87
High	88.07	150.27	80.38	31.45	10.48	83.87
Mostly	87.37	143.28	73.39	26.21	6.99	83.87
SAN JUAN						
Low	85.27	136.29	62.90	20.97	6.99	87.37
High	87.37	146.78	76.88	31.45	10.48	87.37
Mostly	87.37	139.79	69.89	24.46	6.99	87.37
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	86.67	139.79	69.89	24.46	10.48	87.37
High	88.77	153.77	83.87	34.95	13.98	87.37
Mostly	87.37	150.27	76.88	27.96	10.48	87.37
BECERRA						
Low	87.37	139.79	73.39	27.96	10.48	87.37
High	89.46	157.26	87.37	38.44	13.98	87.37
Mostly	87.37	153.77	80.38	31.45	10.48	87.37

NATIONAL FOWL MARKET Sep 07, 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 92 cents with an about steady to steady trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds ranged light to instances moderate for mid-week business. Offerings are moderate to available for trade needs. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed at desirable weights. Processing schedules are moderate. Market activity is mostly slow to moderate. In the parts complex, supplies 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	68-102
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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