



NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady to no better than steady in the East, steady elsewhere. Offerings are light to moderate, instances moderately heavy with over 3lb. weights the most available. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate with many buyers content with regular orders unless enticed by tempting discounts. Floor stocks are mixed. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for mid-week business. Prices are steady to fully steady for wings, mostly steady for dark meat items, and steady to weak for breast cuts. Supplies are light for wings, moderate for dark meat and moderate to heavy for breast items. Market activity for parts is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed at mostly desirable weights.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading is unchanged at 95.75 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 28, 2011.

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

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

SOUTHERN REGION Prices are holding steady for whole broiler/fryers. Offerings of all sizes are sufficient for current trade needs. Demand into retail and food service channels is moderate. Market activity is moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for mid-week business. Prices are steady for wings, steady to weak for breast items and tenders. Dark meat items are in good supply and moving well. Supplies of wings are light, breast items are moderate to heavy and dark meat items are moderate. Market activity for parts is slow to moderate. 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 fryers is steady. The WOG market is steady on under 3 lb. sized WOGs with offering prices unchanged while 3 lb. and heavier sized WOGs are steady to weak with offering prices unchanged to lower. Offerings light to moderate with over 3 lb. sizes the most available. Demand for retail and food service is light to moderate. Weights desirable. Whole fryer and WOG movement is light to moderate. The market on breast items is steady at best while wings are steady with a steady to firm undertone. The market on bone-in dark items is steady at best with an instances weak undertone boneless items are steady. Parts demand is light to moderate. Offerings of breast items are generally moderate while wings are light at best. Offerings of dark items light to moderate with bone-in items the most available. Market activity for parts is light to moderate.

MIDWEST REGION Whole bird prices are steady with offers moderate. Demand into retail and food service channels is light to moderate at best. Floor stocks are mixed. Many buyers are content with regular orders unless enticed by tempting discounts. Sizes are in a desirable range. Whole bird market activity is slow to moderate. Supplies of wings are light, boneless skinless breasts moderate to heavy, and on the balance of parts moderate. Parts prices trended steady to firm on wings, steady to weak on breast cuts, and steady on the remainder of parts. Market activity on parts is slow to moderate.

NORTHEAST REGION Prices are trending steady at best for all sizes. Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers is light 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 drums are available and slow to clear. Tenders are moderate to heavy and wings, bone-in breast and other dark meat cuts are moderate for current needs.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 189 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 22, 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 UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 159 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 22, 2012. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2012 through September 22, 2012 were 6.22 billion, down 2 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 09/22/12, 2012, 2011, Percent Change Previous Year. Rows include Eggs Set, Chicks Placed, 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 03-Nov-12 is estimated at 147.1 million head. This compares to 147.3 million head the previous week and to 151.9 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 154.5 million head and the composite weighted average price was 74.55 cents per pound.

SEPT 25

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

SEPT 26

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)	243	45.00-49.00	-	47.33	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	200	45.00-49.00	-	46.68
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	274	48.00-51.00	-	49.17	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	296	47.00-51.00	-	48.38
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	63.97	62.00 - 65.50	63.70	64.00

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 at least steady to fully steady for wings and bone-in breast; steady for most dark meat cuts. Tenders are steady to weak and boneless skinless breast weak to instances lower. Trucklot buying activity is light for mid-week trading. Offerings are moderate to heavy for tenders; light to moderate for wings and sufficient for bone-in breast and most dark meat cuts. Boneless skinless breast are available and slow to clear. Movement is slow.

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

SEPT 25	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS	SEPT 26	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**		ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	
BREAST - B/S	145	131.44	1,021,080	BREAST - B/S	140-145	134.14	722,640
TENDERLOINS	165-170	168.63	275,200	TENDERLOINS	165-170	165.92	163,560
BREAST - WITH RIBS	95-96	108.04	46,219	BREAST - WITH RIBS	95-96	109.32	47,181
BREAST - LINE RUN	95	98.36	72,366	BREAST - LINE RUN	95	98.00	67,206
LEGS	68-69	68.59	81,392	LEGS	68-69	73.55	61,520
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	50.76	272,940	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	52.25	142,040
DRUMSTICKS	63-64	67.92	63,880	DRUMSTICKS	62-63	72.36	67,400
THIGHS	73-74	81.30	53,389	THIGHS	73-74	80.07	65,200
B/S THIGHS	127-128	127.69	134,400	B/S THIGHS	127-128	129.63	84,960
WINGS (WHOLE)	185-186	190.07	190,000	WINGS (WHOLE)	185-186	189.22	215,080
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	16.00	103,769	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	16.00	118,389
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	52.83	18,050	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	55.00	1,860
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.94	25,460	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.14	19,240

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)	
Alabama	3,719	3,785	3,715	3,473	5.74	5.64	3,696	5.76	
Arkansas	4,641	4,994	4,855	3,101	5.77	5.56	4,592	5.70	
Delmarva	2,097	1,949	2,004	2,018	6.27	6.09	1,920	6.43	
KY-LA-TN	2,435	2,488	2,464	3,094	5.47	5.19	2,533	5.42	
Mississippi	2,907	2,880	2,838	2,998	6.14	5.80	2,854	6.09	
North Carolina	2,594	2,604	2,561	2,892	7.53	7.28	2,600	7.53	
Texas	2,361	2,432	2,466	2,606	6.24	5.95	2,434	6.22	
Total	20,754	21,132	20,903	20,182	6.10	5.90	20,629	6.06	
Mon-Wed	62,983	(A)					61,781	(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 26-Sep-12 is estimated to be 31,050,000 head up 0.30 percent from a week ago and up 2.04 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,956,000, last year 30,430,000)

**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 28-Sep-12

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	09/29/12 (1)		09/22/12	
Broiler/fryer	157,410 (2)		156,904	
Light hens	1,627		1,467	
Heavy hens	1,759		1,969	
Total	160,796		160,340	

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 29-Sep-12 is 152.9 million head compared to 158.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 157.7 million head or 4.8 million more than estimated available. For the week of 06-Oct-12 the estimated available is 152.9 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS**

Selected Centers	(Including government stocks)		(In thousands)	
	Frozen Eggs Lbs	Proc. Turkeys Lbs	Proc. other Poultry lbs	
AM 09/24/12	3,153	175,042	54,146	
AM 09/01/12	2,964	190,065	57,675	
CHG	189	-15,023	-3,529	
PCT CHG	6%	-8%	-6%	

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (In Thousands)**

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	09/24/12	09/17/12	09/26/11	09/24/12	09/17/12	09/26/11
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>	334	337	341	1,078	1,093	2,132
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	144	139	153	349	349	579

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

All Papers Required To Sell All Out of State Poultry

	LOW HIGH AVG			FOR 09/25/12		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.40	3.70	1.11	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	1.00	3.75
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.25	2.50
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.00	3.50
ROOSTERS lb.	.60	.90	.75	ROOSTERS ea.	2.25	5.75
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	4.00	37.50
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	3.00	10.50
RABBITS lb.	.80	3.00	1.85	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.50	4.25
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	7.00	7.50
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	8.75
SILKIES ea.	-	3.25	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	.50	2.25	1.79	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-	PEACOCKS ea.	-	47.50
PARTRIDGES ea.	-	-	-	COCKATIELS ea.	-	-
DOVES ea.	-	-	-	PHEASANTS ea.	-	-
QUAIL ea.	2.50	4.25	3.55	FERRETS ea.	-	-
CHINCHILAS ea.	-	-	-	MICE ea.	-	-
PEAFOWL ea.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL EGGS(do)	-	-
QUAIL EGGS ea.	-	-	-	GOOSE EGGS	-	-

TOTAL PIECES SOLD 346

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY**

Cents per pound for the week ending Sept 21, 2012

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	94.52	159.31	77.88	38.94	10.62	95.58
High	97.35	177.01	92.04	49.56	14.16	95.58
Mostly	95.58	173.47	84.96	46.02	10.62	95.58
<b>SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	93.46	155.77	74.34	35.40	10.62	95.58
High	95.58	173.47	88.50	49.56	14.16	95.58
Mostly	95.58	169.93	81.42	42.48	10.62	95.58
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	94.88	159.31	81.42	38.94	10.62	99.12
High	98.42	180.55	95.58	53.10	17.70	99.12
Mostly	95.58	177.01	88.50	46.02	14.16	99.12
<b>BECERRA</b>						
Low	95.58	162.85	84.96	42.48	10.62	99.12
High	99.12	180.55	99.12	56.64	17.70	99.12
Mostly	95.58	177.01	92.04	49.56	14.16	99.12

**NATIONAL FOWL MARKET** Sept 21, 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 a steady trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is light to moderate for mid-week business. Offerings are sufficient for current trade needs. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed at mostly desirable weights. Processor schedules are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts complex, breast items are moderate to heavy. The balance of parts are light to moderate.

\*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	68-100
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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