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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady in all areas. Offerings are light to moderate for current trade needs. Retail demand is moderate to instances good. Food service demand is light to moderate with some finding interest more active. Floor stocks are balanced to light. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for mid-week trading. Prices are steady to weak for dark meat and breast items, steady for wings. Offerings are light to moderate for wings and bone-in breast, moderate for tenders and b/s breast, and moderate to heavy for dark meat items with drums in the weakest position. 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 October 3, 2011.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	204.00
BREASTS - B/S	163.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	103.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	131.00
THIGHS	72.50
DRUMSTICKS	68.50
LEG QUARTERS	53.00
WINGS	182.00

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

**SOUTHERN REGION** Whole broiler/fryer prices are holding steady. Offerings are sufficient. Demand is moderate for mid-week business. Market activity is mostly moderate. In the parts structure, movement is moderate for current trade needs. Prices are steady for wings, steady to weak for dark meat and breast items. Supplies of wings are light to moderate, moderate to heavy for dark meat items, breast items and tenders. 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 fryers and WOGs is steady. Offerings light to moderate. Retail demand light to good, mostly moderate. Food service demand light to good, mostly light to moderate. Some are finding increased activity for 1st of the month while others continue to wait and find interest disappointing so far. Weights desirable. Floor stocks adequate. Whole fryer and WOG movement is moderate to instances good. The market on boneless skinless breasts is steady with an instances firm undertone, bone-in breasts and tenderloins are steady with an instances weak undertone, and wings steady. The market on dark items is steady to sometimes weak with drums softest Parts demand is light to good, mostly light to moderate. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts moderate, tenderloins and bone-in breasts moderate to instances moderately heavy and wings light. Offerings of dark items moderate to instances moderately heavy. Market activity for parts is light to good, mostly light to moderate.

**MIDWEST REGION** Whole bird prices are steady with offers mostly moderate. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate with best movement on features and promotional items. Floor stocks are balanced to light. Sizes are desirable. Whole bird market activity is slow to moderate. Supplies of breast cuts are moderate to heavy, wings light, and on the balance of parts moderate. Parts prices trended 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 for most 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. In the parts complex, bone-in breast, thighs and drums are available and slow to clear. Wings are light to moderate and tenders and boneless skinless breast are sufficient for current needs.

## BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 186 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 29, 2012. This was up 2 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 SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 154 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 29, 2012. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2012 through September 29, 2012 were 6.37 billion, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

## BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED

### 19 Selected States Total

Week Ending 09/29/12	2012	2011	Percent Change Previous Year
	(thousand)		
Eggs Set	185,805	181,765	+02
Chicks Placed	154,432	154,383	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 10-Nov-12 is estimated at 144.3 million head. This compares to 147.1 million head the previous week and to 150.7 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 155.7 million head and the composite weighted average price was 73.84 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

OCT 03

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	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
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)	190	45.00-49.00	-	47.29	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	360	45.00-49.00	-	46.81
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	309	47.00-51.00	-	48.82	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	294	47.00-51.00	-	48.59
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
62.50 - 66.00	64.40	62.50 - 65.50	63.84	64.19

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 to at least steady for wings and bone-in breast; steady for boneless skinless breast and tenders and weak to lower for drums and thighs. Trucklot buying activity is light for mid-week trading. Offerings are light to moderate for wings and bone-in breast; moderate for tenders and boneless skinless breast and moderate to heavy for dark meat cuts with drums and thighs noted as 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.

OCT 02 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	OCT 03 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	140-145	131.16	1,068,040	BREAST - B/S	140-145	134.98	662,720
TENDERLOINS	165-170	168.82	260,680	TENDERLOINS	165-170	165.37	171,760
BREAST - WITH RIBS	95-96	110.22	67,357	BREAST - WITH RIBS	94-95	111.89	48,380
BREAST - LINE RUN	95	97.57	63,000	BREAST - LINE RUN	94	96.99	67,046
LEGS	68-69	71.30	113,760	LEGS	68-69	74.36	59,300
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	54.44	53,360	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	52.34	147,840
DRUMSTICKS	59-60	70.66	82,360	DRUMSTICKS	58-59	73.75	66,320
THIGHS	70-71	78.56	86,400	THIGHS	69-70	82.83	51,000
B/S THIGHS	127-128	126.33	135,520	B/S THIGHS	127-128	128.88	62,040
WINGS (WHOLE)	185-186	190.78	244,840	WINGS (WHOLE)	185-186	190.71	230,840
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	16.00	130,586	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	16.00	145,688
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	52.07	13,850	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	52.46	15,080
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	73.06	27,840	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	73.99	22,760

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 (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS
	10/03	10/02	10/01	09/28	10/01	09/28	09/26	09/24	
Alabama	3,623	3,591	3,471	3,954	5.78	5.69	3,667	5.74	
Arkansas	4,590	4,836	4,847	3,838	5.67	5.50	4,625	5.77	
Delmarva	2,086	1,941	2,097	2,077	6.40	6.12	2,072	6.27	
KY-LA-TN	2,410	2,487	2,253	2,294	5.57	5.23	2,454	5.47	
Mississippi	2,887	2,909	2,874	2,816	6.30	6.10	2,830	6.14	
North Carolina	2,588	2,589	2,530	2,560	7.56	7.41	2,559	7.53	
Texas	2,409	2,403	2,354	2,431	6.44	6.08	2,411	6.24	
Total	20,593	20,756	20,426	19,970	6.16	5.97	20,618	6.10	
Mon-Wed	62,000	(A)					62,560	(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 03-Oct-12 is estimated to be 30,809,000 head down 0.42 percent from a week ago and up 0.30 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,939,000, last year 30,718,000)

**PROCESSED POULTRY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)**

Delivered to Retailers		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS		120-135
ROASTERS 4# & UP		137-149
DUCKS		
RABBITS-WHOLE		
RABBITS-CUT UP		
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

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

Under Federal Inspection for Week Ending 05-Oct-12

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	10/06/12 (1)		09/29/12	
Broiler/fryer	159,660 (2)		157,410	
Light hens	1,477		1,627	
Heavy hens	1,583		1,759	
Total	162,720		160,796	

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 06-Oct-12 is 152.9 million head compared to 155.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 160.0 million head or 7.1 million more than estimated available. For the week of 13-Oct-12 the estimated available is 151.8 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS**

Selected Centers	(Including government stocks)			(In thousands)
	Frozen Eggs	Proc. Turkeys	Proc. other	
	Lbs	Lbs	Poultry lbs	
AM 10/01/12	3,165	169,682	51,943	
AM 09/01/12	2,964	190,065	57,675	
CHG	201	-20383	-5732	
PCT CHG	7%	-11%	-10%	

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

Frozen Eggs	38	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Turkeys	495	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Other Poultry	590	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (In Thousands)**

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	10/01/12	09/24/12	10/03/11	10/01/12	09/24/12	10/03/11
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>	316	334	346	1,095	1,078	1,997
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	129	144	139	393	349	605

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

All Papers Required To Sell All Out of State Poultry

	LOW HIGH AVG			FOR 10/02/12			
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG	
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.40	1.40	.51	HEAVY FOWL ea.	1.50	3.25	2.58
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	2.50	6.00	3.47
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.95	1.25	1.06
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	3.25	5.00	4.19
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	3.75	8.50	5.39
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	6.25	-
RABBITS lb.	1.30	2.50	1.95	RABBITS ea.	-	6.00	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	-	3.25	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	6.00	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	1.00	1.25	1.03	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-	PEACOCKS ea.	-	-	-
PARTRIDGES ea.	-	-	-	COCKATIELS ea.	-	-	-
DOVES ea.	-	-	-	PHEASANTS ea.	-	-	-
QUAIL ea.	-	-	-	FERRETS ea.	-	-	-
CHINCHILAS ea.	-	-	-	MICE ea.	-	-	-
PEAFOWL ea.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL EGGS(doz)	-	-	-
QUAIL EGGS ea.	-	-	-	GOOSE EGGS	-	-	-

TOTAL PIECES SOLD 203

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY**

Cents per pound for the week ending Sept 28, 2012

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	98.87	176.55	84.75	31.78	10.59	98.87
High	100.64	187.15	98.87	45.90	14.12	98.87
Mostly	98.87	183.62	91.81	42.37	10.59	98.87
<b>SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	98.16	176.55	84.75	31.78	10.59	98.87
High	98.87	187.15	95.34	42.37	14.12	98.87
Mostly	98.87	180.08	88.28	38.84	10.59	98.87
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	98.87	176.55	88.28	35.31	10.59	102.40
High	101.34	194.21	102.40	49.44	17.66	102.40
Mostly	98.87	190.68	95.34	45.90	14.12	102.40
<b>BECERRA</b>						
Low	99.93	176.55	91.81	38.84	10.59	102.40
High	102.40	197.74	105.93	52.97	17.66	102.40
Mostly	99.93	190.68	98.87	49.44	14.12	102.40

**NATIONAL FOWL MARKET** Sept 28, 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 remained unchanged at 83 to 92 cents with a generally steady trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is light to moderate for midweek business. Offerings of all sizes are at least 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, wings are light to moderate. B/s breasts are moderate to heavy and the balance of parts are 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	68-102
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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