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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending steady in all areas. Offerings of all sizes are light to moderate for trade needs with some buyers finding increased seller confidence. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate for mid-week business. Floor stocks are mixed with some purchasing product as needed in order to keep inventories balanced. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate. Prices are steady for wings and steady to weak for the balance of the parts. Offerings are light to moderate for wings and b/s breast, moderate to heavy for dark meat and bone-in breast. Tenders are readily available and slow to clear. Market activity for parts is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mostly desirable weights.

The Composite Weighted Average price for 10/08/12 is 82.85 compared to 82.56 a week earlier, and 72.29 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 95.75 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 12, 2011.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	201.50
BREASTS - B/S	161.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	100.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	131.00
THIGHS	72.50
DRUMSTICKS	68.50
LEG QUARTERS	53.50
WINGS	183.00

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

SOUTHERN REGION Prices are holding steady for whole broiler/fryers. Offerings are sufficient for current trade needs. Demand is moderate for mid-week business. Market activity is mostly moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate. Prices are steady for wings and b/s breast. Whole breast, drums and thigh meat prices are trending weak, tenders prices are trending weak to lower. Offerings of wings and b/s breast are light to moderate, whole breast items and dark meat items are moderate to heavy. Market activity for parts is 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. Retail demand light to good, mostly moderate. Food service demand mostly light to moderate. Weights desirable. Floor stocks adequate. Whole fryer and WOG movement is moderate. 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 at best with drums in the weakest position. Parts demand is light to good, mostly light to moderate. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts light to moderate, tenderloins and bone-in breasts at least moderate and wings light to moderate. Offerings of dark items moderate to moderately heavy. Market activity for parts is light to good, mostly light to moderate.

MIDWEST REGION Whole bird prices trended steady with offers light to moderate. Demand into retail and foodservice channels is light to moderate. Floor stocks are mixed. Sizes are desirable. Whole bird market activity is slow to moderate. Supplies of small wings are light with breast cuts and dark meat items moderate to heavy. Prices are steady for wings and steady to weak for the balance of the parts items. 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, Supplies of tenders and drums are available and slow to clear. Wings and bone in breast are light to moderate; boneless skinless breast and other dark meat cuts are sufficient for current needs.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 188 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 6, 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 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 154 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 6, 2012. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2012 through October 6, 2012 were 6.52 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 10/06/12	2012	2011	Percent Change Previous Year
	(thousand)		
Eggs Set	188,114	186,317	+01
Chicks Placed	153,883	148,802	+03

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 17-Nov-12 is estimated at 142.0 million head. This compares to 144.3 million head the previous week and to 147.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 153.1 million head and the composite weighted average price was 75.07 cents per pound.

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	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)	243	46.00-49.00	-	47.38
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	257	47.00-51.00	-	49.02
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 F.O.B Dock

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
62.50 – 65.50	63.49	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 steady to at least steady for wings and boneless skinless breast; weak to lower for tenders and bone-in breast. Dark meat cuts are steady to weak with drums in the longest position. Trucklot buying activity is light for mid-week trading. Offerings are light to moderate for wings and boneless skinless breast; readily available for tenders and moderate to heavy for bone-in breast, drums and thighs. Movement is slow.

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

OCT 09, 2012	CURRENT NEG	WTD		OCT 10, 2012	CURRENT NEG	WTD	
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	VOL/LBS	ITEM	TRADING*	AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	140-145	130.46	1,061,320	BREAST - B/S	140-145	131.91	651,800
TENDERLOINS	165-170	169.49	206,560	TENDERLOINS	160-165	164.73	205,960
BREAST - WITH RIBS	92-93	107.84	61,005	BREAST - WITH RIBS	92-93	106.39	60,275
BREAST - LINE RUN	92	94.18	70,830	BREAST - LINE RUN	92	93.14	63,000
LEGS	68-69	71.63	93,640	LEGS	68-69	69.27	103,720
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	51.20	422,920	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	51.76	151,600
DRUMSTICKS	57-58	65.30	112,120	DRUMSTICKS	57-58	64.99	73,120
THIGHS	68-69	83.24	53,240	THIGHS	68-69	77.84	62,760
B/S THIGHS	127-128	128.40	105,680	B/S THIGHS	127-128	130.71	79,880
WINGS (WHOLE)	185-186	190.12	276,320	WINGS (WHOLE)	185-186	192.19	257,560
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	16.00	135,241	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	17.00	152,100
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	53.12	15,220	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	52.34	8,370
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	75.00	33,080	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	73.79	29,080

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 (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL		AVG WTS
	(1,000)	10/10	(1,000)	10/09	10/05	10/08	(1,000)	10/05	10/03
Alabama	3,647	3,755	3,678	3,923	5.78	5.53	3,515	5.78	
Arkansas	4,674	4,878	4,837	3,923	5.66	5.53	4,612	5.67	
Delmarva	2,085	1,950	2,076	2,003	6.39	6.19	2,110	6.40	
KY-LA-TN	2,416	2,451	2,437	2,727	5.39	5.15	2,486	5.57	
Mississippi	2,915	2,881	2,853	3,264	6.27	6.32	2,875	6.30	
North Carolina	2,600	2,583	2,606	2,976	7.55	7.13	2,597	7.56	
Texas	2,344	2,353	2,387	2,801	6.24	6.28	2,451	6.44	
Total	20,681	20,851	20,874	21,617	6.11	5.98	20,646	6.16	
Mon-Wed	62,518	(A)					61,617	(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 10-Oct-12 is estimated to be 30,941,000 head down 0.13 percent from a week ago and up 6.64 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,981,000, last year 29,014,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

Processed Poultry, Delivered to Retailer

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

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

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 12-Oct-12

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	10/06/12 (1)		09/29/12	
Broiler/fryer	155,849 (2)		159,660	
Light hens	1,438		1,477	
Heavy hens	1,530		1,583	
Total	158,817		162,720	

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 13-Oct-12 is 151.8 million head compared to 151.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 156.2 million head or 4.4 million more than estimated available. For the week of 20-Oct-12 the estimated available is 150.4 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

Selected Centers	(Including government stocks)		(In thousands)	
	Frozen Eggs	Proc. Turkeys	Proc. other	Poultry lbs
	Lbs	Lbs		
AM 10/08/12	3,162	162,817		50,449
AM 10/01/12	3,165	169,682		51,943
CHG	-3	-6,865		-1,494
PCT CHG	0%	-4%		-3%

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (In Thousands)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	10/08/12	10/01/12	10/10/11	10/08/12	10/01/12	10/10/11
PACIFIC COAST LOS ANGELES	328	316	356	1,140	1,095	2,019
	142	129	150	421	393	615

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

All Papers Required To Sell All Out of State Poultry

	LOW HIGH AVG			FOR 10/09/12			
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG	
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.20	2.40	.37	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	3.00	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	2.25	3.25	3.08
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	.70	1.00	.85	CHICKS ea.	-	2.00	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	2.00	-
BUNNIES lb.	1.10	1.20	1.18	BUNNIES ea.	2.50	4.00	3.30
ROOSTERS lb.	.10	1.40	1.10	ROOSTERS ea.	2.00	10.00	5.63
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	2.50	-	DUCKS ea.	-	6.50	-
RABBITS lb.	.70	1.60	1.06	RABBITS ea.	-	7.00	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.00	16.00	4.36
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	3.00	3.50	3.42	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	1.50	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-	PEACOCKS ea.	-	22.50	-
PARTRIDGES ea.	-	-	-	COCKATIELS ea.	-	-	-
DOVES ea.	-	-	-	PHEASANTS ea.	-	8.00	-
QUAIL ea.	2.00	6.25	3.82	FERRETS ea.	-	-	-
CHINCHILAS ea.	-	-	-	MICE ea.	-	-	-
PEAFOWL ea.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL EGGS(do)	-	-	-
QUAIL EGGS ea.	-	-	-	GOOSE EGGS	-	-	-
HAMSTERS ea.	1.00	1.25	1.13				

TOTAL PIECES SOLD 301

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending Oct 05, 2012

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	100.86	178.83	85.84	32.19	10.73	100.14
High	102.65	193.13	96.57	42.92	14.31	100.14
Mostly	101.93	189.56	89.41	35.77	10.73	100.14
SAN JUAN						
Low	100.14	178.83	82.26	32.19	10.73	100.14
High	101.93	189.56	92.99	39.34	14.31	100.14
Mostly	101.93	185.98	85.84	35.77	10.73	100.14
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	100.14	178.83	89.41	32.19	10.73	103.72
High	102.29	196.71	100.14	46.49	17.88	103.72
Mostly	101.57	193.13	92.99	39.34	14.31	103.72
BECERRA						
Low	95.85	182.40	92.99	35.77	10.73	103.72
High	103.72	200.29	103.72	50.07	17.88	103.72
Mostly	101.57	196.71	96.57	42.92	14.31	103.72

NATIONAL FOWL MARKET Oct 05, 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 trading. Offerings of all sizes 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, wings are light to moderate and 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	68-104
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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