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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady to firm in the Midwest, steady to at least steady in the East, and steady in the West. Offerings are light to moderate for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate with best movement on retail featured items and eight piece cut-ups into delis and fast food sectors. Floor stocks range balanced to light. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for mid-week trading. Prices are trending steady to weak for whole breast and dark meat cuts, weak to lower for tenders and steady to firm for boneless skinless breast and wings. Offerings are light to moderate for wings and b/s breast with good movement. Bone-in breast and dark meat items are moderate to heavy and slow to clear. 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 19, 2011.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	200.00
BREASTS - B/S	160.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	100.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	131.00
THIGHS	72.00
DRUMSTICKS	68.00
LEG QUARTERS	53.50
WINGS	183.50

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 moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate. Prices are steady for wings and b/s breast. Remaining parts range steady to weak. Offerings of wings and boneless skinless breast are light to moderate, tenders are heavy and dark meat items are moderate to heavy with discounting noted to help clear. 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 is steady. The WOG market is steady to firm with early negotiated prices for next week's shipments trending higher. Offerings light. Retail demand moderate. Food service demand light to moderate. Weights desirable. Floor stocks adequate. Whole fryer movement is light to moderate and WOGs are moderate. The market on boneless skinless breasts is steady to firm with prices unchanged to higher, bone-in breasts steady with a steady to firm undertone, tenderloins steady to weak with prices unchanged to lower, and wings steady. The market on bulk leg quarters is steady, 4-10 leg quarters and leg meat steady with a steady to firm undertone, drums steady to instances firm with spot trading found at higher prices, balance of dark items steady. Parts demand is light to good, mostly light to moderate. Offerings of boneless skinless and bone-in breasts are light to moderate, tenderloins moderate to instances moderately heavy, and wings light to moderate. Offerings of 4-10 leg quarters, drums and leg meat light to moderate; balance of dark items moderate. Market activity for parts is light to good, mostly moderate.

MIDWEST REGION Prices for whole bird trended steady to firm. Additional offers are light to moderate. Demand into retail and foodservice channels is light to moderate with some increased interest going into the weekend. Best movement on retail features and eight piece cut-ups into fast food channels. Floor stocks are balanced to light. Sizes are desirable. Whole bird market activity is moderate with best interest on 3 up wogs. Supplies of wings are light, boneless skinless breasts light to moderate, and on the balance of parts 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 to at least 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 sufficient for current needs. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts complex, Supplies of tenders are readily available and slow to clear. Wings and boneless breast are light to moderate and bone-in breast and other dark meat cuts are moderate to heavy with drums in the longest position.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET UP SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 182 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 13, 2012. This was up slightly 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 156 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 13, 2012. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2012 through October 13, 2012 were 6.68 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 10/13/12	2012	2011	Percent Change Previous Year
	(thousand)		
Eggs Set	182,361	181,852	0
Chicks Placed	155,887	155,108	+01
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 24-Nov-12 is estimated at 142.6 million head. This compares to 142.0 million head the previous week and to 143.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 149.1 million head and the composite weighted average price was 79.77 cents per pound.

OCT 16

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

OCT 17

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)	213	46.00-49.00	-	47.83	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	333	45.00-49.00	-	46.71
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	199	47.00-51.00	-	48.49	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	334	47.00-51.00	-	48.27
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 - 65.50	64.34	62.50 - 65.50	63.73	64.12

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 steady to weak for bone-in breast and dark meat cuts. Trucklot buying activity is light to instances moderate 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 and most dark meat cuts with drums noted as slightly more available. Movement is slow.

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

OCT 16 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	OCT 17 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	140-145	130.38	1,039,080	BREAST - B/S	140-145	131.90	700,080
TENDERLOINS	155-160	162.65	257,400	TENDERLOINS	150-155	157.79	168,960
BREAST - WITH RIBS	92-93	107.07	62,626	BREAST - WITH RIBS	92-93	105.43	45,948
BREAST - LINE RUN	92	93.38	68,576	BREAST - LINE RUN	92	93.50	66,707
LEGS	68-69	71.53	93,400	LEGS	68-69	69.41	108,240
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	50.76	366,520	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	52.29	152,840
DRUMSTICKS	57-58	63.52	75,840	DRUMSTICKS	57-58	62.95	113,939
THIGHS	68-69	77.16	66,520	THIGHS	68-69	76.42	50,280
B/S THIGHS	127-128	129.24	115,240	B/S THIGHS	127-128	132.17	74,400
WINGS (WHOLE)	185-186	192.18	279,120	WINGS (WHOLE)	185-186	190.94	234,240
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	17.00	135,431	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	16.00	154,476
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	53.00	1,630	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	52.37	10,260
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.67	32,520	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.10	24,640

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)	10/16	(1,000)	10/15	10/15	10/12	10/10	10/08	
Alabama	3,669	3,796	3,418	3,398	5.66	5.45	3,567	5.78	
Arkansas	4,837	4,543	4,866	3,532	5.78	5.77	4,716	5.66	
Delmarva	1,959	2,094	1,836	2,095	6.52	6.17	2,076	6.39	
KY-LA-TN	2,455	2,478	2,564	2,315	5.41	5.19	2,433	5.39	
Mississippi	2,785	2,825	2,791	2,808	6.34	6.19	2,814	6.27	
North Carolina	2,212	2,650	2,476	2,834	7.64	7.36	2,619	7.55	
Texas	2,402	2,166	2,389	2,356	6.21	5.98	2,442	6.24	
Total	20,319	20,552	20,340	19,338	6.13	6.01	20,667	6.11	
Mon-Wed	61,472	(A)					62,356	(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 17-Oct-12 is estimated to be 30,399,000 head down 1.98 percent from a week ago and down 1.50 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,013,000, last year 30,863,000)

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 19-Oct-12

Class	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK	
	10/20/12 (1)		10/13/12	
Broiler/fryer	155,110 (2)		155,849	
Light hens	1,233		1,438	
Heavy hens	1,532		1,530	
Total	157,875		158,817	

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 20-Oct-12 is 150.4 million head compared to 157.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 155.4 million head or 5.0 million more than estimated available. For the week of 27-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	Proc. other
	Lbs	Lbs	Poultry lbs	Poultry lbs
AM 10/15/12	3,081	142,260	50,068	
AM 10/01/12	3,165	169,682	51,943	
CHG	-84	-27,422	-1,875	
PCT CHG	-3%	-16%	-4%	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (In Thousands)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	10/15/12	10/08/12	10/17/11	10/15/12	10/08/12	10/17/11
PACIFIC COAST LOS ANGELES	325	328	252	1,234	1,140	2,114
ANGELES	147	142	159	386	421	605

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

All Papers Required To Sell All Out of State Poultry

	LOW HIGH AVG				LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.15	.80	.36	HEAVY FOWL ea.	5.50	6.50	6.36
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	.90	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	1.25	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	.20	1.00	.67
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.25	.45	.32
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	1.00	10.50	4.39
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.00	8.25	3.61
ROOSTERS lb.	-	.80	-	ROOSTERS ea.	2.25	9.50	3.98
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	9.50	11.00	10.14
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	30.00	47.50	38.75
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	9.50	-
RABBITS lb.	1.70	2.80	2.26	RABBITS ea.	-	3.25	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.25	6.75	3.45
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	4.00	7.00	5.22
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	3.00	3.75	3.46	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	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 355

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending Oct 12, 2012

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	96.85	172.58	77.48	35.22	10.57	102.14
High	99.67	179.62	88.05	49.31	14.09	102.14
Mostly	98.62	176.10	84.53	42.26	10.57	102.14
SAN JUAN						
Low	96.15	169.06	73.96	31.7	10.57	102.14
High	98.62	176.10	84.53	45.79	14.09	102.14
Mostly	98.62	172.58	81.01	38.74	10.57	102.14
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	97.21	176.10	81.01	38.74	10.57	105.66
High	100.02	183.14	91.57	49.31	17.61	105.66
Mostly	98.62	179.62	88.05	45.79	14.09	105.66
BECERRA						
Low	97.91	176.10	84.53	42.26	10.57	105.66
High	100.73	186.67	95.09	52.83	17.61	105.66
Mostly	98.62	183.14	91.57	49.31	14.09	105.66

NATIONAL FOWL MARKET Oct 12, 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 of all sizes are sufficient. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed at mostly desirable weights. Processing schedules are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts complex, wings and b/s breasts 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	68-102
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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