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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Whole broiler/fryer prices are firm in the Midwest, steady to firm elsewhere. Preliminary majority price is unchanged in the West, higher in the Midwest and East when compared to early week prices. Offerings are light to moderate for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is light to instances good going into the weekend with increased interest noted. Floor stocks range balanced to light. Market activity is moderate to good. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for late week business. Prices are trending steady to weak for whole breast and dark meat cuts, weak to lower for tenders, steady to firm for boneless skinless breast and steady for 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 mostly slow. In production areas, live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed at mostly desirable weights.

Preliminary Report

Prices negotiated for truck lot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers FOB Dock and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 22-Oct-2012 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A MAJORITY	RANGE	AVG	WTD LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
New York	81.00-84.00			
Los Angeles	105.00			
Whole Body 2/ Chicago	75.00-83.00	72.00-96.00	80.09	35
FOB Dock Equivalent 3/:				
Mississippi	82.00-86.00	75.00-89.00	83.63	16

1/: Includes branded product.

2/: Whole Body category includes whole body birds with or without giblets, all grades, brands, and packaging.

3/: Southeast area

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 95.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG
806	89.53 - 100.02	95.57

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER LB)	VOL (000 LBS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	195.00	1,108
BREASTS - B/S	156.50	4,397
BREASTS - WHOLE	98.00	949
THIGH MEAT - B/S	131.50	886
THIGHS	72.00	1,019
DRUMSTICKS	63.00	878
LEG QUARTERS	53.00	6,605
WINGS	182.50	2,719

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

MIDWEST BROILER/FRYER The preliminary majority price for next week's delivery into Chicago is higher than Monday's final majority. Prices for whole bird trended firm. Additional offers are light. Demand into retail and foodservice channels is light to instances good going into the weekend. Retail features, sport bars, and eight piece cut-ups into fast food channels provided best movement. Floor stocks are balanced to light. Sizes are desirable to light. Whole bird market activity is moderate to active with best interest on the heavier sizes. Supplies of wings and boneless skinless breasts are light to moderate with the balance of parts moderate to heavy. Prices are steady for wings, steady to weak on breast cuts and dark meat items, and weak on tenders. Market activity on parts is slow.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER Prices are trending firm for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers is moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes are in good balance and moving well. Market activity is moderate to good. In the parts complex, Supplies of tenders are readily available and slow to clear. Wings and boneless skinless breast are light to moderate; bone-in breast and other dark meat cuts are fully sufficient for current needs.

SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER Prices are trending steady to firm for whole broiler/fryers. Offerings are sufficient for current trade needs. Demand into retail and food service channels is moderate entering the weekend. Market activity is moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate. Prices are steady for wings, steady to weak for breast items and dark meat items, and weak to lower for tenders. Offerings of wings are light to moderate. Breast items are light to heavy with b/s breast ranging light to moderate. Whole breast, tenders and dark meat items are moderate to heavy. Market activity for parts is mostly slow. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN BROILER/FRYER The Los Angeles preliminary majority is 105 cents, unchanged from last week. Whole bird prices are steady to firm with prices for next week's shipments unchanged to higher. Offerings remain light. Retail demand is moderate. Food service demand is light to moderate. Weights are desirable. Floor stocks are adequate. Whole bird market activity is moderate. Prices for boneless skinless breasts are steady to firm, bone-in breasts are steady, tenderloins are steady to weak and the balance of the parts items are steady. Parts demand is moderate to good, mostly moderate. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts, bone-in breasts and wings are light to moderate with offerings for the balance of the parts moderate to instances heavy. Market activity for parts is moderate to good, mostly moderate.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Less-than-trucklot asking prices are 1 cent higher at 84 to 93 cents with a steady to firm trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is moderate to good entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes are closely balanced to light for present trade needs. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processing schedules are moderate. Market activity is moderate to good. In the parts complex, wings and b/s breasts are light to moderate. The balance of parts ranged moderate to heavy with tenders in the longest position.

*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	69-102
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	10/15/12 - 10/19/12 (A)
	10/17/11 - 10/21/11 (A)
NO. OF BOXES	10/15/12 - 10/19/12 (A)
	10/17/11 - 10/21/11 (A)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER 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.

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ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	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)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	368	47.00-51.00	-	48.35
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		

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	WEEKLY POUNDS (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S		TOO FEW TO REPORT			600	123.93
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			472	145.74
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT			187	81.34
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			1,087	47.28
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	295	47.00-51.00	-	48.55	1,416	48.45
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			110	187.00
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	

Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for Oct 18, 2012 -- f.o.b. dock.

Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for Oct 19, 2012 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
64.00 - 66.00	65.20

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
63.00 - 66.50	64.59	64.39

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 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 entering the weekend. Offerings are light to moderate for wings and boneless skinless breast; heavy for tenders and at least sufficient for bone-in breast and most dark meat cuts. Movement is slow.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

Oct 18, 2012

Oct 19, 2012

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS.
BREAST - B/S	140-145	129.47	823,760
TENDERLOINS	150-155	164.20	204,240
BREAST - WITH RIBS	92-93	106.78	50,902
BREAST - LINE RUN	92	93.81	68,289
LEGS	68-69	70.26	94,480
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	51.87	299,720
DRUMSTICKS	57-58	67.91	88,520
THIGHS	68-69	79.73	60,080
B/S THIGHS	127-128	129.54	121,240
WINGS (WHOLE)	185-186	191.27	287,160
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	16.00	129,628
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	54.26	7,880
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	75.02	20,440

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS.	WEEKLY WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS.
BREAST - B/S	140-145	129.19	714,160	130.34	4,056,240
TENDERLOINS	150	162.37	161,040	162.48	953,760
BREAST - WITH RIBS	92-93	108.91	32,109	107.37	238,783
BREAST - LINE RUN	92	94.13	66,541	93.60	336,126
LEGS	68-69	71.53	138,640	70.86	487,560
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	52.81	202,653	51.60	1,301,573
DRUMSTICKS	57-58	67.05	81,760	64.65	426,599
THIGHS	68-69	80.45	50,640	78.39	268,600
B/S THIGHS	127-128	128.08	100,080	129.12	492,020
WINGS (WHOLE)	185-186	189.06	240,800	190.63	1,230,640
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	16.50	207,667	16.50	770,270
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	50.21	10,560	52.42	39,310
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	73.82	24,840	74.65	122,880

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND 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 WT		ACTUAL		AVG
	(1,000)	10/18	(1,000)	10/16	10/17	10/16	(1,000)	10/12	WT
Alabama	3,628	3,811	3,646	3,569	5.86	5.74	3,398	5.88	
Arkansas	3,791	4,849	4,804	4,548	5.58	5.61	3,532	5.49	
Delmarva	2,070	2,096	1,974	2,090	6.49	6.41	2,095	6.30	
Ky-LA-TN	2,361	2,430	2,372	2,502	5.28	5.36	2,315	5.32	
Mississippi	2,960	2,780	2,730	2,816	6.27	6.30	2,808	6.30	
North Carolina	2,817	2,569	2,257	2,560	7.64	7.47	2,834	7.43	
Texas	2,577	2,401	2,409	2,393	6.12	6.21	2,356	6.24	
Total	20,204	20,936	20,192	20,478	6.07	6.08	19,338	6.06	
Mon-Friday	102,612 (A)						102,612 (A)		
Saturday	955 (included in total for date shown)						884		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 19-Oct-12 and 20-Oct-12 is estimated to be 30,227,000 head up 4.16 percent from a week ago and down 0.33 percent from a year ago. (Last week 31,390,000, last year 30,328,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 20-Oct-12 is estimated to be 153,519,000 head down 0.37 percent from a week ago, and down 1.11 percent from a year ago. (Last week 154,088,000, last year 155,241,000)

Actual data incorporated when available.

CALIFORNIA PROCESSED POULTRY (cents per pound)

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

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

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS IN SAN FRANCISCO

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 126-190
	ICE PACK
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK 126
	ICE PACK
DUCKS	217-295

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Week ending 13-Oct-2012

(Preliminary)	-----Thousands-----				Total
	(A) 4.25 lbs. & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs.	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs.	(D) 7.76 lbs. & up	
Head	36,697	55,260	36,599	26,412	154,969
Avg Live Wgt	3.65	5.40	6.82	8.53	5.86
% of total /1	22%	38%	21%	19%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	34,477	57,897	32,936	29,132	154,442
Avg Live Wgt	3.87	5.41	6.85	8.60	5.97
% of total /1	22%	38%	21%	19%	100%
Year Ago 2/	31,344	56,377	41,492	20,875	150,088
Avg Live Wgt	3.90	5.33	6.77	8.50	5.86
% of total /1	21%	37%	28%	14%	100%
To date/2012*	1,525,842	2,605,264	1,172,599	954,076	6,257,782
To date/2011*	1,488,744	2,792,180	1,254,346	965,804	6,501,074
% Change YTD	2%	-7%	-7%	-1%	-4%

1/ May not total to 100% due to rounding. 2/ Comparable week.

*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

Weight Class Description:

(A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens. (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms. (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors. (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

WEEKLY POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(Preliminary) Week ending 13-Oct-2012

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	154,969	1,280	1,545	2,825	458
Avg Wt	5.86	3.34	8.16	5.98	6.89
Last week	154,442	1,384	1,602	2,986	405
Same wk yr ago	150,088	1,249	1,710	2,959	434
Avg Wt	5.86	3.22	7.77	5.85	6.74
To-date/2012*	6,257,782	62,525	66,792	129,317	16,987
To-date/2011*	6,501,074	55,948	63,779	119,727	17,723
% Change YTD	-4%	12%	5%	8%	-4%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	685,629	2,309	8,258	10,567	2,256
Last week	696,124	2,496	7,733	10,229	2,010
Same wk yr ago	659,637	2,132	8,769	10,901	2,106
To-date/2012*	27,034,459	105,727	348,956	454,683	82,048
To-date/2011*	27,772,925	95,654	330,317	425,971	86,199
% Change YTD	-3%	11%	6%	7%	-5%

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 151.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 156.9 million head, or 5.1 million more than estimated available.

(B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

EST. U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

Week Ending	Million Head Slaughtered	Million Head Available*	Pct	Avg
				Wt
Sep 8	140.9	153.0	92%	5.74
15	156.8	152.9	103%	5.79
22	156.1	153.5	102%	5.76
29	157.5	152.9	103%	5.90
Oct 6	156.3	152.9	102%	5.97
13	156.9	151.8	103%	5.86
Year to date	6334.0	6311.5	100%	
Oct 20		150.4		
27		150.6		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

EASTERN REGION MISC. POULTRY

For delivery the week of OCTOBER 15, 2012

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 LBS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT & POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS/LB

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	221-225	226-232
MIDWEST	195-212	200-216

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS & UP, DELIVERED, CENTS/LB

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12/BOX)	77.00-88.25	79.00-84.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9/ BOX)	82.00-90.00	82.00-86.00

SQUABS: NY AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS/DOZ, 1-10 BOXES

	11 oz.	13 oz.	15 oz.
	74.88-99.79	82.80-114.54	90.00-120.34

EASTERN REGION: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT & WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices adjusted to reflect current market conditions. Demand is light to mostly moderate. Supplies are moderate for current requirements. Market activity is moderate. Processing schedules are full-time. Prices paid, first receivers for 10-18 oz. boneless breast at \$5.52-8.80, bone in legs at \$3.10-3.55, gizzards at \$1.20-1.80, wings at \$.90-.95, livers at \$1.25-2.05, and feet at \$.95-1.45 cents per lb.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT & POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 LBS, CENTS/LB. WEEK OF 15-OCT-2012

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST & OTHERS	179-218	181-223

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection (in thousands)

W/E	10/06/12	09/29/12	%chg	10/08/11	%chg
Broilers	153,519	154,088 ¹	-0.37	155,241 ¹	-1.11
Cattle	634	631	0	655 ²	-03
Hogs	2,388	2,396	0	2,312 ²	+03

¹ Actual data incorporated when available.² Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.**GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION ***AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY*****

DATE OF AUCTION: 10-16-12 - PRICES PAID PER LB., EXCEPT AS NOTED

	RANGE		RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.20 - 1.50 lbs.	Guinea Fowl	1.80 - 1.90 lbs.	Guinea Keets	.10 - 0.35 ea.
Parrots	- 160.00 ea.	Kid Goats	40.00 - 60.00 ea.	Chicks	.25 - 0.40 ea.
Pekin Ducks	4.75 - 6.00 ea.	Geese 9-14LBS	- 1.90 lbs.	Quail	1.00 - 3.00 ea.
Pullets 4-6LBS	.85 - 0.90 lbs.	Pigeons	3.10 - 3.40 ea.	Love Birds	- 18.00 ea.
Red Fowl 5-6LBS	.45 - 0.50 lbs.	White Pigeons	3.00 - 4.00 ea.	Parakeets	4.00 - 6.00 ea.
Red Fowl 4-5LBS	.35 - 0.40 lbs.	Rabbits 6-9LBS	1.70 - 1.80 lbs.	Broilers	- 0.90 lbs.
Leghorn Roosters	- 1.00 ea.	Rabbits 4-6LBS	1.90 - 2.00 lbs.	Ducklings	.50 - 0.75 ea.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11LBS	.80 - 0.90 lbs.	Leghorn Hens	.55 - 1.00 ea.	Finch	- 13.00 ea.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6LBS	1.20 - 1.40 lbs.	Bunnies	1.75 - 6.00 ea.	Pheasants	9.00 - 12.00 ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9LBS	.45 - 0.55 lbs.	Doves	2.00 - 4.00 ea.	Fancy Bantams	12.00 - 20.00 ea.
Banty Roosters	2.50 - 3.00 ea.	Silkie	4.00 - 5.00 ea.	Fancy Pigeons	12.00 - 14.00 ea.
Banty Hens	.50 - 1.00 ea.	Goats	- 100.00 ea.	Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.20 - 1.40 lbs.
Guinea Pigs	1.00 - 7.00 ea.	Turkeys	10.00 - 15.00 ea.	Total Coops Sold	3848

NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS**LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL**

Prices are trending at least steady. Supplies are sufficient for the moderate demand. Processing schedules are normal. Retail feature activity is good entering the weekend with bulk of the interest being in the Northeast and Southeast regions. Finished product supplies are clearing satisfactorily. Market activity is moderate.

Final prices at Farm Buyer Loading:

Price Range	Wtd Avg
9.5 – 21.0	13.73

(Southeast Region broiler breeder hens generally for processing, 7 lbs. and up; under 7 lbs. subject to discount.)

LIVE SPENT LIGHT FOWL

Prices are trending mostly steady for the light to fair demand. Offerings of light type hens are at least sufficient for current needs. Processing schedules are normal. Movement of finished product was fair. Market activity is light to moderate. The majority price for removal costs remains unchanged at 0-7 cents per head.

(live hens are predominately egg-layers averaging about 3.5 lbs. live weight per bird.)

Eastern region = AL, CT, DE, GA, KY, MA, MD, ME, MS, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, TN, VA, VT, and WV; North Central = IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI; South Central = AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX.

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