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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Whole broiler/fryer prices are firm in the Midwest, steady to higher in the East, and steady to firm in the West. Final majority price is unchanged in the West, higher in the Midwest and East when compared to last week prices. Offerings are light to moderate for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is light to instances good following the weekend. Floor stocks range balanced to light. Market activity is moderate to good. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for early 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.

FINAL BROILER FRYER prices negotiated for trucklot sales of RTC broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers and FOB at major market areas (cents per lb) week of 22-Oct-2012

	Grade A		Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Wtd Avg	Loads
Delivered to First Receivers 1/:				
Boston/New England	TFEWR		80.50	12
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		77.56	10
Denver	TFEWR		96.50	7
Detroit	TFEWR		78.18	17
Los Angeles	105.00	101.93	21:	88.54 69
New York	81.00-84.00	82.80	20:	83.74 39
Philadelphia	80.50-82.00	81.36	11:	81.60 24
Pittsburgh	80.00-83.00	82.09	11:	86.58 52
St. Louis	TFEWR		78.92	13
San Francisco	105.50	103.79	7:	96.97 15

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:

	Whole Body 2/:		Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Wtd Avg	Loads
Chicago	75.00-83.00		80.31	60

Composite Weighted Average 3/:

Loads	10/22/12	Change Last Wk	10/15/12	10/24/11
318	84.81	1.38	83.43	74.93

WOG broiler 4/:	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Eastern	85.00-87.00	85.57	33
Central	75.00-81.00	78.24	78
Western	82.00-87.00	85.11	57

FOB Dock Equivalent 5/:

Mississippi	82.00-86.00	83.63	16
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1/: Includes branded product. 2/: Whole Body category includes whole body birds with or without giblets, all grades, brands, and packaging. 3/: Includes all whole birds shipped into listed cities including Chicago. 4/: Delivered first receiver, trucklot and less than trucklot volumes. 5/: Southeast area

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

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.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
972	80.00-100.02	95.30

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

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	197.00	1,773
BREASTS - B/S	159.00	7,414
BREASTS - WHOLE	99.00	1,496
THIGH MEAT - B/S	130.00	1,231
THIGHS	72.00	1,417
DRUMSTICKS	68.00	1,417
LEG QUARTERS	53.50	9,486
WINGS	183.00	3,870

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

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Prices are trending firm for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers is moderate as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Offerings of all sizes are in good balance and clearing well. Trade activity is moderate to good. In the parts complex, supplies of tenders are readily available and slow to clear; bone-in breast and dark meat cuts are at least sufficient for current needs. Wings and boneless skinless breast are light to moderate and clearing satisfactorily.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYER Prices are firm for whole broiler/fryers. Offerings are sufficient for current trade needs. Demand into retail and food service channels is moderate following 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 REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majorities are unchanged from last Monday's prices. Whole broilers are steady to firm. Offerings remain light. Retail demand is light to moderate. Food service demand is moderate. Weights are desirable. Whole bird market activity is moderate. Prices for parts are steady to firm with breast items in the best position. Parts demand is moderate to good. The market activity for parts is moderate to good. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average is 82.66 cents, up 1.79 cents on 47 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS - Final majority prices are higher. Whole bird prices are firm. Offerings are light. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate with best movement. Floor stocks are balanced to light. Sizes are in a full range. Whole bird market activity is moderate. Supplies of wings and boneless skinless breasts are light to moderate with the remainder of parts moderate to heavy. Prices trended steady on wings, steady to weak on breast cuts and dark meat items, and weak on tenders. Market activity for parts is slow to moderate.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Less-than-trucklot asking prices are unchanged to 1 cent higher at 85 to 93 cents with a steady to firm trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is moderate to good entering the week. 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 are light to moderate, tenders are moderate to heavy, and all other parts are available.

	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
Range	75-103
Weighted Average	(A)
No. Of Boxes	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Prices are trending 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 as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Offerings are light to moderate for wings and boneless skinless breast; available for tenders and moderate to heavy 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

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS.
BREAST - B/S	140-145	131.47	693,760
TENDERLOINS	145-150	159.76	114,880
BREAST - WITH RIBS	92-93	108.21	47,304
BREAST - LINE RUN	92	93.86	63,000
LEGS	68-69	70.44	89,280
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	52.37	228,680
DRUMSTICKS	57-58	66.65	81,000
THIGHS	68-69	82.67	47,760
B/S THIGHS	127-128	131.24	50,760
WINGS (WHOLE)	185-186	194.27	197,080
BACKS & NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	16.00	145,811
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	51.55	8,300
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	75.26	15,840

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (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

	Estimate (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wts	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wts
	10/22	10/18	10/18	10/15	10/11
Alabama	3,628	3,646	5.86	3,418	5.83
Arkansas	4,622	4,859	5.58	4,866	5.52
Delmarva	1,720	2,084	6.23	1,836	6.18
Ky-LA-TN	2,423	2,385	5.18	2,564	5.09
Mississippi	2,857	2,788	6.20	2,791	6.24
North Carolina	2,583	2,585	7.44	2,476	7.42
Texas	2,433	2,441	6.09	2,389	6.08
Total	20,266	20,788	6.02	20,340	5.99
Mon	20,266(A)			20,340(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 22-Oct 2011 is estimated to be 30,320,000 down 0.66 percent from a week ago and down 1.6 percent from a year ago. (last week 30,522,000 last year 30,817,000)

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	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)	285	46.00-49.00	-	47.51
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	339	47.00-51.00	-	48.67
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 OCT 22, 2012 -- F.O.B. DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
62.50 - 66.00	64.08	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.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER PARTS

ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, & WI WEEK OF 22-OCT-2012 TO 26-OCT-2012, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	118.00 - 149.00	123.00 - 131.00
TENDERLOINS	140.00 - 162.00	145.00 - 153.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	93.00 - 110.00	93.00 - 106.00
LEGS	65.00 - 68.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	45.00 - 62.00	48.00 - 51.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	45.00 - 62.00	50.00 - 54.00
DRUMSTICKS	49.00 - 63.00	-
THIGHS	66.00 - 83.00	-
B/S THIGHS	117.00 - 134.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	167.00 - 187.00	-
BACKS & NECKS (STRIPPED)	17.00 - 45.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 50.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	42.00 - 65.00	-

CALIFORNIA PROCESSED POULTRY – cents per pound

**IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	110-132
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	114-133
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

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

**IN SAN FRANCISCO
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

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

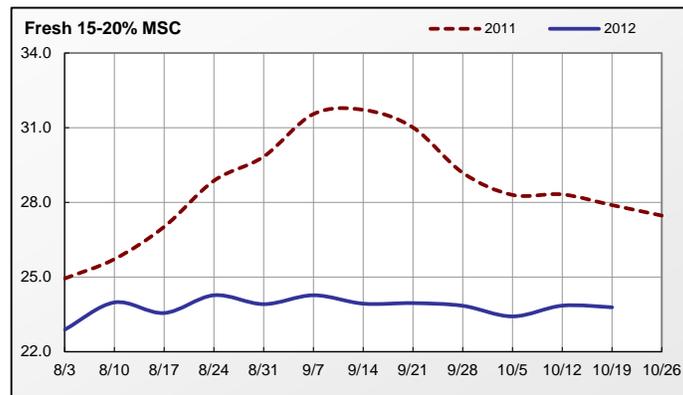
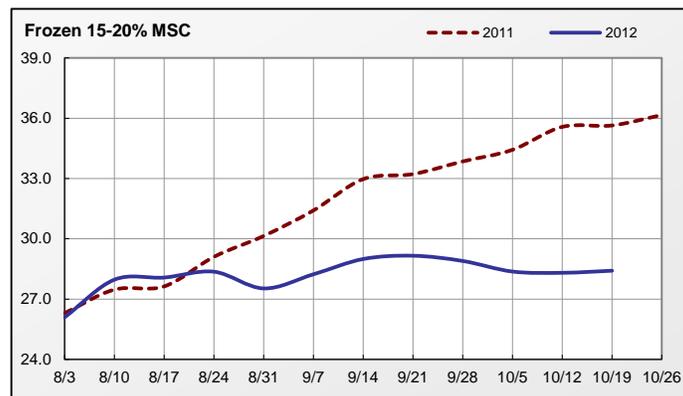
National Mechanically Separated Chicken

(FOB Shipper Dock or equiv., negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand lb. quantities, cents/lb.; delivery within 2 weeks.)

Prices on all fat contents of MSC are steady. Supplies are moderate to at times heavy. Schedules are normal. Domestic and export demand is light to moderate. Despite the traditional decline in demand for hot dogs and other deli items, demand for stews, soups, potted meats, and other provisional items is currently moderate to good. Producers continue to sell more frames to keep MSC off the spot marketplace, as well as stay out front on spot sales of MSC. Most in industry maintain a close eye on influential market facts looking for any indication of future market direction. Negotiations for 2013 contracts continue with some progress to note. Market activity is slow to moderate. Raw material supplies are moderate to heavy. Spot frames traded between 11-14 cents FOB, mostly 12-13 FOB.

Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	19-Oct-12	Last Week	Last Year	19-Oct-12	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	30.00	32.00	-	24.00 - 26.00	24.00 - 26.00	30.00-31.00
Wtd Avg Price	30.00	32.00	-	25.33	25.14	30.78
Volume Traded	40	40	-	184	143	184
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	27.00 - 31.00	26.50 - 31.00	32.00-40.00	20.00 - 26.00	20.00 - 26.00	21.00-33.00
Wtd Avg Price	28.41	28.31	35.64	23.78	23.85	27.89
Volume Traded	2,009	1,726	2,367	3,958	3,550	3,498
Volume Exported	1,489	1,526	2,087	530	204	653
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	-
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	41	82	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

**Monthly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)**

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Sep 2012	Aug 2012	Sep 2011	Sep 2012	Aug 2012	Sep 2011
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	30.00	30.00	-	25.50	25.65	32.06
Volume Traded	80	40	-	653	877	839
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	28.84	27.43	32.48	24.00	23.70	30.69
Volume Traded	8,600	11,085	8,432	17,085	21,571	17,023
Volume Exported	8,080	10,205	7,872	2,203	1,468	4,406
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.29	22.20	-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	286	408	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Note: Volume exported refers to that portion of the total volume that is destined for export markets.

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