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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady to firm in the East, firm in the Midwest, and unchanged to higher in the West. Preliminary majority price is higher in the Midwest, 3 cents higher in the East, and unchanged in the West when compared to early week prices. Offering are light to moderate for late week trading. Retail and food service demand is light to at times good, mostly light to moderate as inclement weather from Hurricane Sandy enters the area at the latter part of the week. Floor stocks closely balanced to light as many buyers are content with regular orders. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts structure, movement improved slightly under normal weekend demand and is noted as light to moderate overall. Prices are trending steady for wings and breast items, weak to lower for tenders and steady to weak for dark meat items. Offerings are light to moderate for wings and breast with good movement. Dark meat items are moderate to heavy and slow to clear 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.

### 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 29-Oct-2012 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A MAJORITY	RANGE	AVG	WTD LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
New York	84.00-87.00			
Los Angeles	105.00			
Whole Body 2/ Chicago	81.00-87.00	81.00-96.00	85.70	27
FOB Dock Equivalent 3/:				
Mississippi	82.00-87.00	77.00-89.00	84.75	20

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 96.00 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
808	89.54 - 100.02	95.59

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	197.00	1,059
BREASTS - B/S	161.50	4,255
BREASTS - WHOLE	100.00	892
THIGH MEAT - B/S	131.50	873
THIGHS	73.00	959
DRUMSTICKS	71.00	818
LEG QUARTERS	53.00	6,530
WINGS	182.50	2,661

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 majority. Prices for whole bird trended firm with offers light. Demand into retail and foodservice channels is light to moderate with best movement on retail features and fast food promotions. Floor stocks are closely balanced to light as many buyers are content with regular orders. Sizes are desirable. Whole bird market activity is moderate. Supplies of wings and breasts are light to moderate with tenders and dark meat items moderate to heavy. Prices are steady for wings and steady to weak on breast cuts and dark meat items. Market activity on parts is slow to moderate.

### NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER

Prices are trending firm for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers is fair to fairly good as inclement weather from Hurricane Sandy enters the area at the latter part of the weekend. Offerings of all sizes are light and moving well with premiums noted. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts complex, supplies of tenders and drums are heavy and slow to clear. Wings and other breast cuts are light to moderate. Other dark meat items are sufficient for current needs.

### SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER

Prices are firm for whole broiler/fryers. Offerings are light to moderate for current trade needs. Demand into retail and food service channels is moderate to at time good entering the weekend. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for late week business. Prices are steady for wings and breast items, steady to weak for dark meat items, and weak to lower for tenders. Offerings of wings and breast items are light to moderate, tenders are heavy and dark meat items are moderate to heavy with drums in the weakest position. Market activity for parts is slow to moderate. 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. The market on whole fryers is steady to firm, mostly steady. The WOG market is firm with prices higher for next week's shipments. Offerings very light to light. Retail demand light to moderate. Food service demand light to moderate, instances good. In response to the higher trending WOG prices some buyers are reducing purchases to only regular orders. Weights desirable. Floor stocks light to moderate. Whole bird market activity is moderate. The market on boneless skinless breasts and bone-in breasts is steady to firm with prices unchanged to higher, tenderloins weak with prices lower and wings steady for next week's shipments. The market on dark items is mostly steady. Parts demand is light to good, mostly moderate. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts, bone-in breasts and wings are light to moderate; tenderloins moderate to instances heavy. Dark item offerings mostly light to moderate. Parts movement is light to good, mostly moderate.

### DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS

Less-than-trucklot asking prices are unchanged at 87 to 95 cents with a steady to fully steady undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is mostly moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes are light to moderate for current trade needs. Live supplies are moderate at mostly desirable weights. Processing schedules are moderate. Market activity is moderate to good. In the parts complex, supplies of dark meat items are at least adequate, heavy for drums. Wings and breast items are in good supply, and tenders are readily available.

\*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	74-103
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	(A)
	10/22/12 - 10/26/12
	10/24/11 - 10/28/11
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
	10/22/12 - 10/26/12
	10/24/11 - 10/28/11
	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

**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.

Oct 25, 2012

Oct 26, 2012

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)	265	45.00-49.00	-	47.36
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	189	47.00-51.00	-	49.15
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			540	125.48
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			400	133.38
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT			184	81.65
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	238	47.00-49.00	-	48.05	1,339	47.51
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	349	48.00-51.00	-	49.28	1,528	48.89
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			72	120.36

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 Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for Oct 25, 2012 -- f.o.b. dock.

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RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
62.50 - 66.00	64.58

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
63.50 - 66.50	65.37	64.58

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 at least steady to firm for breast cuts and wings; weak for tenders and drums. Other dark meat items are steady. Trucklot buying activity improved slightly under normal weekend demand and noted as light to moderate overall with dealers preparing for the upcoming storm heading into the area at the latter part of the weekend. Offerings are light to moderate for wings and breast cuts; heavy for tenders and drums and at least sufficient for other dark meat cuts. Movement is slow to moderate.

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

Oct 25, 2012

Oct 26, 2012

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS.
BREAST - B/S	145	130.37	898,760
TENDERLOINS	140	154.78	162,520
BREAST - WITH RIBS	93-94	106.11	37,835
BREAST - LINE RUN	93	95.71	63,000
LEGS	68-69	72.87	47,120
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	51.21	261,333
DRUMSTICKS	55-56	64.77	76,200
THIGHS	68-69	76.67	48,080
B/S THIGHS	127-128	131.04	104,720
WINGS (WHOLE)	185-186	192.59	192,600
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	16.00	141,335
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	53.11	12,930
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.65	23,200

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS.	WEEKLY WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS.
BREAST - B/S	145-150	129.70	684,440	130.86	3,940,230
TENDERLOINS	140	149.45	162,720	154.70	835,880
BREAST - WITH RIBS	93-94	107.76	49,916	107.06	236,055
BREAST - LINE RUN	93	95.88	72,000	94.92	320,400
LEGS	68-69	69.55	75,400	69.74	440,880
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	51.11	153,320	51.56	1,079,053
DRUMSTICKS	55-56	61.21	117,733	64.56	424,553
THIGHS	68-69	78.09	45,560	78.34	252,660
B/S THIGHS	127-128	131.00	75,240	130.61	427,160
WINGS (WHOLE)	185-186	190.51	207,440	191.47	974,120
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	16.00	160,442	16.00	752,012
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	53.53	8,040	52.31	56,710
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	75.06	23,640	74.50	107,020

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)	10/25	(1,000)	10/24	10/23	10/24	(1,000)	10/19	10/17	WT
Alabama	3,612	3,771	3,596	3,745	5.94	5.91	3,968			5.86
Arkansas	3,011	4,760	4,921	4,744	5.54	5.68	3,703			5.58
Delmarva	2,061	2,135	2,098	2,098	6.38	6.45	2,067			6.49
Ky-LA-TN	2,170	2,386	2,346	2,418	5.28	5.37	2,304			5.28
Mississippi	2,802	2,812	2,816	2,837	6.17	6.22	3,078			6.27
North Carolina	2,647	2,544	2,583	2,583	7.40	7.51	2,957			7.64
Texas	1,999	2,468	2,058	2,404	5.91	6.04	2,500			6.12
Total	18,302	20,876	20,418	20,829	6.03	6.11	20,577			6.07
Mon-Friday	100,712	(A)					102,503	(A)		
Saturday	112	(included in total for date shown)					738			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 26-Oct-12 and 27-Oct-12 is estimated to be 27,382,000 head down 11.32 percent from a week ago and down 7.21 percent from a year ago. (Last week 31,387,000, last year 29,511,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 27-Oct-12 is estimated to be 150,676,000 head down 1.85 percent from a week ago, and down 1.26 percent from a year ago. (Last week 153,519,000, last year 152,604,000)

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 20-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	38,959	48,322	41,318	26,865	155,464
Avg Live Wgt	3.89	5.45	6.79	8.54	5.95
% of total /1	25%	31%	27%	17%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	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	24%	24%	24%	17%	100%
Year Ago 2/	33,360	61,871	37,000	23,010	155,241
Avg Live Wgt	3.80	5.34	6.76	8.42	5.81
% of total /1	21%	40%	24%	15%	100%
To date/2012*	1,564,801	2,653,586	1,213,917	980,941	6,413,246
To date/2011*	1,522,104	2,854,051	1,291,346	988,814	6,656,315
% Change YTD	3%	-7%	-6%	-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 20-Oct-2012

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	155,464	1,106	1,299	2,405	418
Avg Wt	5.95	3.21	7.93	5.76	6.89
Last week	154,969	1,280	1,545	2,825	458
Same wk yr ago	155,241	1,231	1,677	2,908	401
Avg Wt	5.81	3.27	7.93	5.96	6.83
To-date/2012*	6,413,246	62,525	68,091	131,722	17,405
To-date/2011*	6,656,315	55,948	65,456	122,635	18,124
% Change YTD	-4%	11%	4%	7%	-4%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	698,383	1,917	6,747	8,664	2,059
Last week	685,629	2,309	8,258	10,567	2,256
Same wk yr ago	676,463	2,133	8,777	10,910	1,972
To-date/2012*	27,732,842	107,644	355,703	463,347	84,107
To-date/2011*	28,449,388	97,787	339,094	436,881	88,171
% Change YTD	-3%	10%	5%	6%	-5%

Dressing % 75.5% 54.0% 65.5% 71.5%

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 150.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 157.4 million head, or 7.0 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
	-----			
9/15	156.8	152.9	103%	5.79
9/22	156.1	153.5	102%	5.76
9/29	157.5	152.9	103%	5.90
10/6	156.3	152.9	102%	5.97
10/13	156.9	151.8	103%	5.86
10/20	157.4	150.4	105%	5.95
Year to date	6491.4	6461.9	100%	
10/27		150.6		
11/3		150.1		

\*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

**EASTERN REGION MISC. POULTRY**

For delivery the week of OCTOBER 22, 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 &amp; WV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS** Prices are unchanged. Demand is 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 \$3.10-3.62, gizzards at \$1.20-1.80, wings at \$.80-.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 22-OCT-2012

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST & OTHERS	179-219	181-224

**BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

Under Federal Inspection (in thousands)

W/E	10/27/12	10/20/12	%chg	10/29/11	%chg
Broilers	150,676	153,519 <sup>1</sup>	-1.85	152,604 <sup>1</sup>	-1.26
Cattle	641	634	+01	672 <sup>2</sup>	-05
Hogs	2,379	2,388	0	2,308 <sup>2</sup>	+03

<sup>1</sup> Actual data incorporated when available.<sup>2</sup> Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.**GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION**

\*\*\*AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY\*\*\*

DATE OF AUCTION: 10-23-12 - PRICES PAID PER LB., EXCEPT AS NOTED

	RANGE		RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.40 - 1.50 lbs.	Guinea Fowl	1.90 - 1.85 lbs.	Quail	- 0.50 ea.
Fancy Pigeons	16.00 - 18.00 ea.	Geese 9-14LBS	1.50 - 1.60 lbs.	Parakeets	4.00 - 6.00 ea.
Pullets 4-6LBS	- 0.90 lbs.	Pigeons	3.20 - 3.40 ea.	Broilers	.80 - 0.85 lbs.
Red Fowl 5-6LBS	.50 - 0.55 lbs.	White Pigeons	3.50 - 4.50 ea.	Peacocks	20.00 - 35.00 ea.
Red Fowl 4-5LBS	.40 - 0.45 lbs.	Rabbits 6-9LBS	1.50 - 1.60 lbs.	Ducklings	1.50 - 1.60 ea.
Leghorn Roosters	- 2.00 ea.	Rabbits 4-6LBS	1.90 - 2.20 lbs.	Canaries	- 18.00 ea.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11LBS	.75 - 0.80 lbs.	Leghorn Hens	- 1.00 ea.	Finch	4.50 - 6.50 ea.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6LBS	1.20 - 1.30 lbs.	Bunnies	4.00 - 7.00 ea.	Pheasants	13.00 - 50.00 ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9LBS	.50 - 0.60 lbs.	Silkie	4.00 - 6.00 ea.	Fancy Bantams	6.00 - 7.00 ea.
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 3.50 ea.	Goats	50.00 - 90.00 ea.	Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.35 - 1.45 lbs.
Banty Hens	1.00 - 2.00 ea.	Turkeys	.45 - 0.60 lbs.		
Guinea Pigs	2.00 - 6.00 ea.	Chicks	.20 - 0.30 ea.	Total Coops Sold	2955

