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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady to firm in the East and West, firm in the Midwest. Final majority price is higher in the Midwest, 3 cents higher in the East, and unchanged in the West when compared to last week prices. Offerings are light to moderate for early week trading. Retail and food service demand is light to at times good, mostly light to moderate as Hurricane Sandy causes both transportation and production problems throughout the Northeast causing plants to close and whole birds come to a standstill. Floor stocks balanced to light. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts structure, movement light to moderate overall. Prices are trending steady for wings, steady to weak for the balance of parts. 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.

**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 29-Oct-2012

	Grade A		Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Wtd Avg	Loads
<b>Delivered to First Receivers 1/:</b>				
Boston/New England	TFEWR	:		
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	:	82.10	8
Denver	TFEWR	:	99.83	6
Detroit	TFEWR	:	80.53	17
Los Angeles	105.00	104.00	15 :	94.28
New York	84.00-87.00	85.76	21 :	86.18
Philadelphia	83.50-85.00	84.33	12 :	84.15
Pittsburgh	83.00-86.00	84.90	10 :	89.25
St. Louis	TFEWR	:	84.51	14
San Francisco	105.50	104.93	7 :	97.64

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:

	Whole Body 2/:		Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Wtd Avg	Loads
Chicago	81.00-87.00	:	85.40	50

Composite Weighted Average 3/:

Loads	10/29/12	Change Last Wk	10/22/12	10/31/11
278	88.83	4.02	84.81	74.55

WOG broiler 4/:	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Eastern	87.00-90.00	87.36	31
Central	81.00-86.00	83.05	67
Western	89.00-93.00	90.45	45

FOB Dock Equivalent 5/:

Mississippi	82.00-86.00	84.75	20
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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 96.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
976	82.00-100.02	95.52

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	197.50	1,737
BREASTS - B/S	162.50	7,378
BREASTS - WHOLE	101.00	1,460
THIGH MEAT - B/S	131.00	1,231
THIGHS	73.00	1,417
DRUMSTICKS	74.00	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 steady to firm for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers is moderate as Hurricane Sandy causes transportation and production problems throughout the Northeast. Offerings of all sizes are in good balance and clearing well. Trade activity is moderate. In the parts complex, supplies of most items are sufficient for current needs.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYER** Prices are steady to instances 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 following the weekend. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for early 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 REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majorities are unchanged from last Monday's prices. Whole broilers and WOGs are steady to firm. Offerings light. Retail demand is light to moderate. Food service demand is light to good, mostly light to moderate. Weights are desirable. Whole bird market activity is moderate. Parts demand is light to good, mostly light to moderate. The market activity for parts is moderate. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average is 90.49 cents, up 7.83 cents on 36 loads.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** - Final majority prices are higher. Whole bird prices are firm; offers light. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate. Floor stocks are balanced to light. Sizes are desirable. Whole bird market activity is slow to moderate with buyers cautious about the potential storm effects from Hurricane Sandy and its timing on the marketplace. Supplies of wings and breasts are light to moderate, tenders heavy, and dark meat moderate to heavy. Prices trended steady on wings and steady to weak on breast cuts and dark meat items. Market activity for parts is slow to moderate.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Less-than-trucklot asking prices are unchanged at 87 to 95 cents with a steady to fully steady trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds has come to a standstill as plants closed due to Hurricane Sandy. Offerings of all sizes are light to moderate for current trade needs. Live supplies are moderate at mostly desirable weights. Processor schedules are down due to plants suspending operations today and possibly tomorrow. Market activity is moderate. In the parts complex, supplies are moderate.

### BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

Range	74-103
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 breast cuts; generally steady for the balance of items. Trucklot buying activity is light to moderate entering the week as Hurricane Sandy moves into the area causing both production and transportation disruptions throughout the Northeast. Offerings are sufficient for most items. Movement is slow to moderate.

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

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS.
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**\*\*\*Due to Hurricane Sandy, information for this report is unavailable at this time. As soon as information becomes available, the report will be released\*\*\***

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
	10/29	10/25	10/25	10/22	10/18
Alabama	3,720	3,855	5.85	3,665	5.79
Arkansas	4,931	4,660	5.47	4,828	5.58
Delmarva	0	2,122	6.27	1,608	6.23
Ky-LA-TN	2,390	2,378	5.11	2,394	5.18
Mississippi	2,859	2,817	6.14	2,828	6.20
North Carolina	2,591	2,553	7.38	2,540	7.44
Texas	2,325	2,445	5.98	2,415	6.09
Total	18,816	20,830	5.97	20,278	6.01
Mon	18,816(A)			20,278(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 29-Oct 2011 is estimated to be 28,151,000 down 7.49 percent from a week ago and down 10.1 percent from a year ago. (last week 30,429,000 last year 31,307,000)

**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)	235	46.00-49.00	-	48.11
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	229	48.00-51.00	-	49.36
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 29, 2012 -- F.O.B. DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
63.00 - 66.00	64.81	64.73

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 29-OCT-2012 TO 02-NOV-2012, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	112.00 - 149.00	125.00 - 136.00
TENDERLOINS	130.00 - 173.00	137.00 - 148.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	85.00 - 110.00	94.00 - 107.00
LEGS	65.00 - 69.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	46.00 - 61.00	48.00 - 51.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	49.00 - 62.00	49.00 - 53.00
DRUMSTICKS	47.00 - 58.00	-
THIGHS	66.00 - 83.00	-
B/S THIGHS	121.00 - 134.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	172.00 - 191.00	-
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**

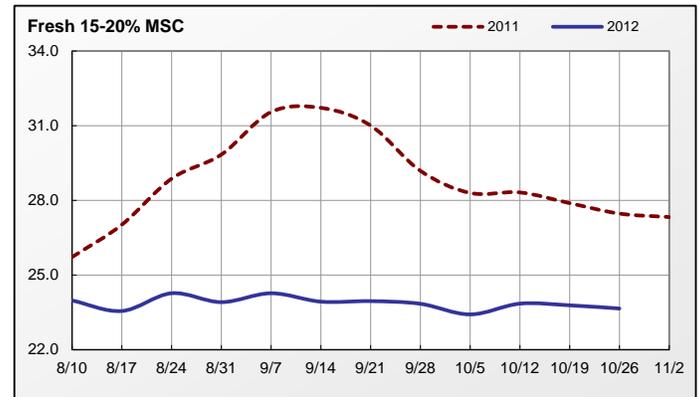
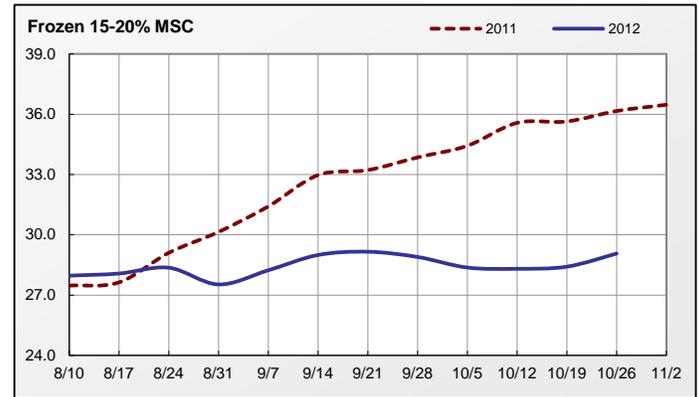
(FOB Shipper Dock or equiv., negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand lb. quantities, cents/lb.; delivery within 2 weeks.)

Prices on all fat contents of MSC are steady. Supplies are moderate to at times heavy. Schedules are normal to reduced. Domestic and export demand is light to moderate. Demand for stews, soups, potted meats, and other provisional items is currently moderate to good, despite seeing reductions for hot dogs and other deli items. Producers continue to sell more frames to keep MSC off the spot marketplace, as well as stay out front on spot sales of MSC. Industry maintains a close eye on influential market facts looking for any indication of future market direction.

Negotiations for 2013 contracts persist with some progress to note. Market activity is slow to moderate. Raw material supplies are moderate to heavy. Spot frames traded between 11-13 cents FOB, mostly 12-13 FOB.

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	26-Oct-12	Last Week	Last Year	26-Oct-12	Last Week	Last Year
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Price Range	-	30.00	-	24.00 - 26.00	24.00 - 26.00	30.00-31.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	30.00	-	25.50	25.33	30.67
Volume Traded	-	40	-	163	184	122
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Price Range	27.00 - 32.00	27.00 - 31.00	34.00-40.00	20.00 - 26.00	20.00 - 26.00	21.00-32.00
Wtd Avg Price	29.07	28.41	36.16	23.65	23.78	27.47
Volume Traded	1,885	2,009	2,265	3,774	3,958	3,539
Volume Exported	1,645	1,489	2,105	449	530	816
<b>20% or More</b>						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	-
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	41	41	-
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
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	30.00	30.00	-	25.50	25.65	32.06
Volume Traded	80	40	-	653	877	839
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
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
<b>20% or More</b>						
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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