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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Whole broiler/fryer prices are cautiously steady to firm in the East, fully steady to firm in the Midwest, and steady in the West. Offerings are light to moderate for mid-week business. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate as the disruptions of production and transportation caused by Hurricane Sandy slowly diminishes in parts of the Northeast. Floor stocks balanced to light as buyers are cautious and satisfied with regular orders. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement light to moderate. Prices are trending steady for wings, steady to weak for the balance of parts. Offerings are light to moderate for wings. Breast items and dark meat items are moderate to heavy. 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 advanced .25 cents to 96.25 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 November 02, 2011.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	191.50
BREASTS - B/S	159.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	100.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	132.00
THIGHS	72.00
DRUMSTICKS	66.00
LEG QUARTERS	53.50
WINGS	182.00

Information supplied by the GA Dept. of Ag's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN REGION Prices are trending 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 for end of the month business. Prices are at least steady to steady for wings and breast items, steady for dark meat items. Offerings of parts are light to moderate. Market activity for parts is slow to moderate. 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 and WOG is steady. Offerings light with a few finding WOGs not as tight as week. Retail and food service demand light to moderate. Weights desirable. Floor stocks light to moderate. Whole bird market activity is light to moderate. The market is mostly steady on white and dark items. Some mixed opinions are being reported on boneless skinless breasts with some finding medium sized product while others note jumbo sized product as being a little more available than last week. Parts demand is light to good, mostly moderate. Offerings of light to moderate. Parts movement is light to good, mostly moderate.

MIDWEST REGION Prices for whole birds are fully steady to firm. Offerings are light with the heavier sizes in the tightest position. 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 to light. Whole bird market activity is moderate. Supplies of wings and breasts are light to moderate with tenders and dark meat items moderate to at times 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 REGION Prices are trending steady to firm for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers is light to moderate as the disruptions of production and transportation caused by Hurricane Sandy slowly diminishes in parts of the Northeast. Offerings of all sizes are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts complex, supplies of most items are light to moderate.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 186 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 27, 2012. This was up 1 percent 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 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 157 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 27, 2012. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2012 through October 27, 2012 were 6.99 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 10/27/12	2012	2011	Percent Change Previous Year
	(thousand)		
Eggs Set	186,371	185,172	+01
Chicks Placed	156,892	153,311	+02
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 08-Dec-12 is estimated at 143.2 million head. This compares to 142.8 million head the previous week and to 143.6 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 149.9 million head and the composite weighted average price was 79.59 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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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)	305	47.00-49.00	-	47.85	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	275	47.00-49.00	-	48.11
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	312	48.00-51.00	-	49.41	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	217	48.00-51.00	-	49.28
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
63.50 - 66.50	64.93	63.50 - 66.50	65.36	65.01

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 continue to trend at least steady for wings and breast cuts; generally steady for the balance of items. Trucklot buying activity is light to moderate for mid-week trading as production and transportation concerns slowly returns to normal in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. Offerings of most items are light for current needs. Movement is slow to moderate.

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

OCT 30 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	OCT 31 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
				BREAST - B/S	145-150	130.59	1,003,840
				TENDERLOINS	140	145.17	273,800
				BREAST - WITH RIBS	93-94	107.03	36,536
				BREAST - LINE RUN	93	96.47	50,826
				LEGS	68-69	66.49	76,640
				LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	50.37	348,160
				DRUMSTICKS	55-56	60.69	55,320
				THIGHS	68-69	74.88	63,880
				B/S THIGHS	127-128	127.77	149,080
				WINGS (WHOLE)	185-186	186.89	249,520
				BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	16.00	11,720
				LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	52.11	18,090
				GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	75.13	23,160

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 (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS
	10/31	10/30	10/29	10/26	10/29	10/26	10/24	10/22	
Alabama	3,703	3,801	3,674	3,545	5.84	5.71	3,596	5.53	
Arkansas	4,630	4,914	4,864	3,030	5.75	5.32	4,921	5.71	
Delmarva	2,073	0	0	2,080		6.24	2,098	6.72	
KY-LA-TN	2,219	2,364	2,409	2,435	5.35	4.95	2,346	5.42	
Mississippi	2,585	2,886	2,788	2,816	6.23	6.06	2,816	6.27	
North Carolina	2,582	2,634	2,643	2,719	7.44	7.34	2,583	7.54	
Texas	2,030	2,306	2,063	1,999	6.02	5.81	2,058	6.18	
Total	19,822	18,905	18,441	18,624	6.06	5.91	20,418	6.09	
Mon-Wed	57,543	(A)					61,525	(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 31-Oct-12 is estimated to be 29,656,000 head down 3.21 percent from a week ago and down 4.87 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,639,000, last year 31,174,000)

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 03-Nov-12

Class	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	11/03/12 (1)	10/27/12
	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	150,676 (2)	153,519
Light hens	919	988
Heavy hens	1,658	1,660
Total	153,253	157,875

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 03-Nov-12 is 150.6 million head compared to 155.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 151.0 million head or 0.4 million more than estimated available. For the week of 10-Nov-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 Poultry lbs
	Lbs	Lbs	
AM 10/29/12	3,023	124,803	54,188
AM 10/01/12	3,165	169,682	51,943
CHG	-142	-44,879	2,245
PCT CHG	-4%	-26%	4%

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (In Thousands)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	10/29/12	10/22/12	10/31/11	10/29/12	10/22/12	10/31/11
PACIFIC COAST ANGELES	329	309	383	1,095	1,122	1,900
	153	137	187	346	379	457

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 10/30/12

All Papers Required To Sell All Out of State Poultry

*****This report has been delayed. It will be released as soon as possible. We apologize for any inconvenience.*****

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending Oct 26, 2012

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	93.19	164.04	87.25	34.90	6.98	90.74
High	95.28	174.51	101.22	45.37	10.47	90.74
Mostly	94.23	167.53	94.23	41.88	6.98	90.74
SAN JUAN						
Low	92.49	160.55	83.76	31.41	6.98	90.74
High	94.23	171.02	97.72	41.88	10.47	90.74
Mostly	94.23	164.04	90.74	38.39	6.98	90.74
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	93.54	167.53	90.74	34.90	10.47	94.23
High	95.98	178.00	104.71	48.86	13.96	94.23
Mostly	94.23	171.02	97.72	45.37	10.47	94.23
BECERRA						
Low	94.23	171.02	94.23	34.90	10.47	94.23
High	97.03	181.49	108.20	52.35	13.96	94.23
Mostly	94.23	174.51	101.22	48.86	10.47	94.23

NATIONAL FOWL MARKET Oct 26, 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 87 to 95 cents with a cautiously steady trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is slowly returning to normal operations as businesses recover from Hurricane Sandy. Offerings are sufficient for current trade needs. Live supplies are moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights. Processing schedules are moderate. Market activity ranged slow to moderate. In the parts complex, supplies are noted as mostly moderate.

*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	69-103
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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