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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Whole broiler/fryer prices are firm to higher in the East, firm in the Midwest, steady in the West. Offerings are very light to light for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is light to good, mostly moderate to good with interest focusing on Thanksgiving holiday items. Floor stocks are closely balanced to light. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts structure, movement is seasonally light to moderate with most dealers preparing for the upcoming holiday. Prices are generally steady for most parts. Offerings are at least sufficient. Market activity 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 .50 cents to 97.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 89.50 cents last year on November 23, 2011.

**Note: There will not be another market report until Monday the 26th of November due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday weekend.**

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	189.00
BREASTS - B/S	157.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	100.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	132.50
THIGHS	71.50
DRUMSTICKS	67.00
LEG QUARTERS	54.00
WINGS	183.50

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

**SOUTHERN REGION** Whole broiler/fryers are trending higher. Offerings are light for current trade needs. Demand is moderate to good approaching the Thanksgiving holiday. Market activity is active. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate. Prices are general steady for parts. Offerings are mostly 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 106 cents, unchanged from last week. The market on whole broiler/fryers and WOGs is steady to firm with offering prices unchanged to higher. Offerings light and held with confidence. Retail mostly light to moderate as buyers focus on traditional Thanksgiving items. A few areas are finding moderate to active inter-dealer interest. Food service demand light to moderate. Bird weights desirable. Floor stocks very light to moderate. Whole fryer and WOG movement light to moderate. The market is mostly steady on parts and meat items. Parts demand and offerings light to moderate. Market activity for all parts items is light to moderate, instances moderately heavy.

**MIDWEST REGION** Whole bird prices are firm with offers very light. Retail and food service demand is moderate with traditional Thanksgiving foods taking center stage. Best movement on deli, rotisserie, and fast food items. Floor stocks are balanced to light. Sizes are desirable to light. Whole bird market activity is moderate to active. Parts supplies are light to moderate. Prices trended generally steady on all part items. Market activity on parts is slow to moderate.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Prices are trending firm to higher for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers is good entering the Thanksgiving holiday. Offerings of all sizes are clearing well under normal premiums. Market activity is active. In the parts complex, supplies of wings are moderate; other items are at least sufficient for current needs with bone-in breast noted as slightly more available than the previous week.

## BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET UP SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 196 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 17, 2012. This was up slightly 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 156 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 17, 2012. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2012 through November 17, 2012 were 7.45 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 11/10/12	2012	2011	Percent Change Previous Year
	(thousand)		
Eggs Set	195,714	195,158	0
Chicks Placed	156,027	152,567	+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 29-Dec-12 is estimated at 139.7 million head. This compares to 137.6 million head the previous week and to 141.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 138.2 million head and the composite weighted average price was 81.70 cents per pound.

**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.

Nov 20, 2012	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	Nov 21, 2012	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	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)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			LEG QUARTERS (4/10)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
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 Nov 20, 2012 --f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
62.00 - 65.50	63.79

Whole Body Index Based On Southern States Parts Trading For Nov 21, 2012 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
63.00 - 66.50	63.87	64.29

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 are trending steady for most items. Trucklot buying activity is light and selective as dealers continue with closely balanced floor stocks entering the Thanksgiving day holiday. Offerings of wings are moderate, at least sufficient for the balance of items with bone-in breast noted in the longest position. Movement is seasonally slow.

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

Nov 20, 2012	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS	Nov 21, 2012	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	150	130.61	1,288,240	BREAST - B/S	150	130.79	631,740
TENDERLOINS	140	144.13	239,800	TENDERLOINS	140	142.13	189,440
BREAST - WITH RIBS	94-95	108.30	58,883	BREAST - WITH RIBS	94-95	109.68	33,529
BREAST - LINE RUN	94	96.26	65,499	BREAST - LINE RUN	94	96.50	67,840
LEGS	68-69	73.79	59,548	LEGS	68-69	70.70	105,880
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	51.90	350,000	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	53.13	102,640
DRUMSTICKS	54-55	63.10	76,779	DRUMSTICKS	54-55	62.60	51,880
THIGHS	68-69	77.34	65,000	THIGHS	68-69	78.82	39,540
B/S THIGHS	127-128	129.55	137,400	B/S THIGHS	127-128	131.47	102,240
WINGS (WHOLE)	183-184	187.64	288,080	WINGS (WHOLE)	183-184	187.89	215,816
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	5,640	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	5,880
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	55.39	25,940	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	56.79	14,580
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	79.34	25,160	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	79.69	31,340

INCLUDES NY 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 (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS	
	11/21	11/20	11/19	11/16	11/19	11/16	11/14	11/12	11/14	11/12
Alabama	3,655	3,765	3,761	3,750	5.84	5.55	3,642	5.97		
Arkansas	4,923	4,961	4,736	3,527	5.70	5.53	4,739	5.76		
Delmarva	2,020	2,029	2,094	2,018	6.35	6.15	1,916	6.49		
KY-LA-TN	2,447	2,461	2,449	1,975	5.30	4.88	2,478	5.35		
Mississippi	2,621	2,812	2,850	2,375	6.30	6.37	2,339	6.24		
North Carolina	2,763	2,821	2,759	2,997	7.47	7.49	2,430	7.79		
Texas	2,300	2,369	2,222	2,078	6.17	5.74	2,161	6.13		
Total	20,729	21,218	20,871	18,720	6.11	5.98	19,705	6.17		
Mon-Wed	63,214(A)						60,976(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 21-Nov-12 is estimated to be 31,013,000 head up 4.88 percent from a week ago and up 12.93 percent from a year ago. (Last week 29,569,000, last year 27,462,000)

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<b>CALIFORNIA PROCESSED POULTRY</b> (cents per pound)	
<b>DELIVERED TO RETAILERS</b>	
<b>IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)</b>	
FRESH FRYERS	120-135
ROASTERS 4# & UP	137-149
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	
<b>DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS</b>	
<b>IN SAN FRANCISCO</b>	
FRESH FRYERS	126-190
ICE PACK	
ROASTERS 4# & UP	126
DRY PACK	
ICE PACK	
DUCKS	217-295

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

Under Federal Inspection for Week Ending 24-Nov-12

Class	Current Week	Previous Week
	11/24/12(1)	11/17/12
Broiler/fryer	122,460(2)	160,103
Light hens	829	1,373
Heavy hens	845	1,826
Total	124,134	163,302

(1)Estimated

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 24-Nov-12 is 147.5 million head compared to 114.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 122.7 million head or -24.8 million less than estimated available. For the week of 01-Dec-12 the estimated available is 145.1 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers**

	(INC. GOV'T STOCKS)		(IN THOUSANDS)	
	Processed Turkeys	Processed other Poultry	LBS	LBS
AM 11/19/12	81,676	63,521		
AM 11/01/12	122,767	55,357		
CHG	-41091	8164		
PCT CHG	-33%	15%		

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** – (in thousands)

	Processed Turkeys			Processed other Poultry		
	11/19/12	11/12/12	11/21/11	11/19/12	11/12/12	11/21/11
<b>PACIFIC COAST LOS ANGELES</b>	326	332	359	1,150	1,145	1,992
	184	164	209	396	371	540

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 11/20/12**

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

	LOW HIGH AVG				LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.30	1.40	.49	HEAVY FOWL ea.	3.50	7.75	5.00
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	1.75	2.00	1.90
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	.80	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	5.00	7.25	6.04
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.25	5.25	1.85
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	1.00	8.50	4.29
GEESE lb.	-	1.70	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	15.00	30.00	22.50
DUCKS lb.	1.50	1.60	1.55	DUCKS ea.	-	6.50	-
RABBITS lb.	1.20	1.60	1.46	RABBITS ea.	-	2.50	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	-	1.75	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	6.00	7.25	6.75
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-	PEACOCKS ea.	-	-	-
PARTRIDGES ea.	-	-	-	COCKATIELS ea.	-	-	-
DOVES ea.	-	-	-	PHEASANTS ea.	-	-	-
QUAIL ea.	-	2.00	-	FERRETS ea.	-	-	-
CHINCHILAS ea.	-	-	-	MICE ea.	-	-	-
PEAFOWL ea.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL EGGS (doz.)	-	-	-
QUAIL EGGS ea.	-	-	-	GOOSE EGGS	-	-	-

**TOTAL PIECES SOLD 201**

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS – MEXICO CITY**

Cents per pound for the week ending November 16, 2012

	Whole		Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/Gizzards	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts				
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	91.97	137.79	89.56	31.00	6.89	93.01
High	93.70	155.01	99.90	41.34	10.33	93.01
Mostly	93.01	144.68	96.45	34.45	6.89	93.01
<b>SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	90.94	137.79	86.12	31.00	6.89	93.01
High	93.01	151.57	96.45	37.89	10.33	93.01
Mostly	93.01	144.68	93.01	31.00	6.89	93.01
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	92.32	144.68	93.01	34.45	10.33	96.45
High	94.73	155.01	103.34	44.78	13.78	96.45
Mostly	93.01	148.12	99.90	37.89	10.33	96.45
<b>BECERRA</b>						
Low	93.01	144.68	96.45	34.45	10.33	96.45
High	95.76	158.46	106.79	48.23	13.78	96.45
Mostly	93.01	151.57	103.34	41.34	10.33	96.45

**NATIONAL FOWL MARKET**

Ready-to-Cook

Midwest Region Negotiated Prices to First Receivers

(cents/lb.; U.S. Grade A and Plant Grade)

	Price Range
Hens Ice Packed (12 per Box)	80.0 - 86.0
Vacuum Packed (6-9 per Box)	85.0 - 90.0

Midwest region = IL, IN, MI, MO, OH, and WI

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**DELMARVA** Less-than-trucklot asking prices are 1 cent higher at 99 to 107 with a firm trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is moderate to good as dealers prepare for Thanksgiving. Offerings are clearing well with premiums noted. Live supplies are moderate at mostly desirable weights. Processing schedules are moderate with plants down tomorrow for the holiday. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts complex, supplies are generally 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** 74-115

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE** (A)

**NO. OF BOXES** (A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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