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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady to firm in the West, firm to higher in the East and firm in the Midwest. Final majority prices are up 3 cents in the East, higher in the Midwest and unchanged in the West when compared to last week prices. Offerings are clearing well for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is light to good, mostly moderate following the holiday. Floor stocks are mixed. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate entering the weekend. Prices are trending mostly steady on part items. Offerings are light to moderate. Market activity for parts is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but reported as mostly desirable.

**PRELIMINARY REPORT** Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers FOB Dock and delivered to first receivers at major market areas (cents per lb.)  
Week of 26-November-2012

	Majority	Range	Wtd Avg	Loads
<b>Delivered to First Receivers:</b>				
<b>US Grade A 1/</b>				
New York	96.00-99.00			
Los Angeles	106.00			
<b>Whole Body 2/</b>				
Chicago	92.00-99.00	92.00-105.00	96.75	29
<b>FOB Dock Equivalent 3/:</b>				
Mississippi	90.00-92.00	89.00-98.00	92.45	11

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 FOB DOCK PRICES

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

**SOUTHERN REGION** Prices are trending firm to higher for whole broiler/fryers. Offerings are light to moderate for current trade needs. Demand into retail and food service channels is mostly moderate following the Thanksgiving holiday. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for late week trading. Part prices are steady overall with wings in the best position. 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.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Prices are trending firm for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers is moderate to good entering the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Offerings of all sizes are in good balance and clearing well under normal premiums. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts complex, supplies of wings are moderate; other items are at least sufficient for current needs.

**WESTERN REGION** The Los Angeles delivered quote is 106 cents, unchanged from last week. The market on whole broiler/fryers is steady to firm, mostly steady. The WOG market is firm with prices higher for next week's shipments. Offerings light. Retail demand light to good, mostly light to moderate with best interest on deli and rotisserie items. Food service demand light to moderate. Bird weights desirable. Floor stocks light to moderate. Whole fryer and WOG movement light to moderate. The market is mostly steady on parts and meat items. Parts demand light to moderate, however, a few are finding interest instances good on breast items in response to better than anticipated orders from retail channels. Offerings uneven ranging very light to moderate with availability varying by seller. Market activity for all parts items is light to moderate.

**MIDWEST REGION** The preliminary majority for next week's delivery into the Chicago area is higher than Monday's final majority. Whole bird prices are firm with offers very light. Retail and food service demand is moderate following the Thanksgiving holiday. Best movement on deli, rotisserie, and fast food items going into the weekend. Floor stocks are closely balanced to light. Sizes are desirable. Whole bird market activity is moderate. Parts supplies are light to moderate. Prices trended generally steady on all part items. Market activity on parts is slow.

**DELMARVA** Less-than-trucklot asking prices are unchanged at 99 to 107 with a steady to firm trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is mostly moderate following the Thanksgiving holiday. Offerings are clearing well for trade needs. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but reported as mostly desirable. Processing schedules are moderate. Market activity is moderate. In the parts complex, supplies are mostly moderate.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FORM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A		
RANGE		69-115
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		(A)
NO. OF BOXES		(A)
CUMULATIVE	11/19/12-11/23/12	(A)
	11/21/11-11/25/11	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	11/19/12-11/23/12	(A)
	11/21/11-11/25/11	(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.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	WTD RANGE	MAJ	AVG	WEEKLY POUNDS (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S		TOO FEW TO REPORT			217	136.04
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			178	132.76
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT			136	80.50
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT			142	79.69
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			568	47.64
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			891	49.26
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			TFEWR	

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR NOV 23, 2012 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
63.50 - 65.50	64.26	63.83

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 steady for most items. Trucklot buying activity is light and selective as dealers kept floor stocks in close balance with immediate needs following the Thanksgiving day holiday. Offerings of wings are moderate; other items are at least sufficient for current needs. Movement is seasonally slow.

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

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS.	WEEKLY WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS.
BREAST - B/S	150	128.60	540,000	130.15	3,193,460
TENDERLOINS	140	142.21	185,640	142.80	721,400
BREAST - WITH RIBS	94-95	104.89	46,736	107.78	191,792
BREAST - LINE RUN	94	96.86	59,798	96.33	256,772
LEGS	68-69	67.43	127,760	70.18	393,228
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	50.90	288,853	51.24	1,057,050
DRUMSTICKS	54-55	67.00	72,320	62.31	305,699
THIGHS	68-69	76.86	85,800	75.94	275,540
B/S THIGHS	127-128	128.64	49,760	130.28	331,040
WINGS (WHOLE)	183-184	188.14	200,400	188.53	894,776
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	6,702	18.00	22,142
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	57.73	13,950	56.47	73,630
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	80.01	27,360	79.30	109,540

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 WT		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WT	
	11/23	11/22	11/21	11/20	11/21	11/20	11/16	11/14		
Alabama	3,062	(A)	3,540	3,422	5.67	5.65	3,750	5.93		
Arkansas	2,695	Holiday	4,941	4,979	5.53	5.74	3,527	5.67		
Delmarva	2,018	Holiday	2,019	2,069	6.16	6.24	2,018	6.48		
Ky-LA-TN	1,322	(A)	2,394	2,392	5.02	5.17	1,975	5.14		
Mississippi	2,113	Holiday	2,566	2,841	6.16	6.26	2,375	5.99		
North Carolina	1,900	Holiday	2,825	2,820	7.40	7.45	2,997	7.53		
Texas	1,897	Holiday	2,327	2,125	5.90	6.39	2,078	5.81		
Total	15,007	1,138	20,612	20,648	5.93	6.08	18,720	6.01		
Mon-Friday	79,359	(B)					99,918	(B)		
Saturday	744	(included in total for date shown)					576			

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 23-Nov-12 and 24-Nov-12 is estimated to be 22,452,000 head down 20.07 percent from a week ago and down 5.74 percent from a year ago. (Last week 30,345,000, last year 23,820,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 24-Nov-12 is estimated to be 118,730,000 head down 21.43 percent from a week ago, and up 5.37 percent from a year ago. (Last week 151,106,000, last year 112,679,000)

Actual data incorporated when available.

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**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	126-190
ROASTERS 4# & UP	126
DUCKS	217-295

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

Week ending 17-Nov-2012  
(Preliminary) -----Thousands-----

	(A) 4.25 lbs. & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs.	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs.	(D) 7.76 lbs. & up	Total
Head	37,417	57,085	30,975	25,629	151,106
Avg Live Wgt	3.83	5.35	6.88	8.55	5.83
% of total /1	25%	38%	20%	17%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	38,874	49,543	38,679	27,525	154,621
Avg Live Wgt	3.91	5.35	6.85	8.55	5.93
% of total /1	25%	25%	25%	18%	100%
Year Ago 2/	37,012	61,512	25,731	23,008	147,263
Avg Live Wgt	3.74	5.38	6.76	8.35	5.67
% of total /1	25%	42%	17%	16%	100%
To date/2012*	1,713,387	2,876,801	1,345,998	1,084,534	7,020,721
To date/2011*	1,661,052	3,111,941	1,399,699	1,088,558	7,261,250
% Change YTD	3%	-8%	-4%	0%	-3%

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 17-Nov -2012

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
Head	151,106	1,367	1,793	3,160	426
Avg Wt	5.83	3.22	7.94	5.90	6.87
Last week	154,621	1,181	1,406	2,587	411
Same wk yr ago	147,263	1,339	1,507	2,846	442
Avg Wt	5.67	3.26	7.69	5.61	6.46
To-date/2012*	7,020,721	62,525	74,025	142,015	18,991
To-date/2011*	7,261,250	55,948	71,204	133,422	19,865
% Change YTD	-3%	12%	4%	6%	-4%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	665,116	2,377	9,325	11,702	2,093
Last week	692,261	2,124	7,349	9,473	1,813
Same wk yr ago	626,236	2,314	7,649	9,963	2,056
To-date/2012*	30,414,781	115,403	386,440	501,843	91,483
To-date/2011*	31,040,115	106,574	368,480	475,054	96,518
% Change YTD	-2%	8%	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 149.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 152.9 million head, or 3.3 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
10/13	156.9	151.8	103%	5.97
10/20	157.4	150.4	105%	5.86
10/27	155.3	150.6	103%	5.76
11/03	150.1	150.1	100%	5.87
11/10	156.5	151.1	104%	5.93
11/17	152.9	149.6	102%	5.83
Year to date	7106.2	7063.3	101%	
11/24		145.4		
12/01		144.8		

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

**EASTERN REGION MISC. POULTRY**

For delivery the week of NOVEMBER 19, 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)	80.00-100.00	85.00-94.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9/ BOX)	86.00-101.00	86.00-95.00

**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& WV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS** Prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Demand is light to moderate with supplies moderate for current trade requirements. Market activity is moderate. Processing schedules are reduced due to the Thanksgiving holiday. 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 19-NOV-2012

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

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

Under Federal Inspection (in thousands)

WE	11/24/12	11/17/12	%chg	11/16/11	%chg
Broilers	118,730	151,106 <sup>1</sup>	-21.43	112,679 <sup>1</sup>	+5.37
Cattle	583	629	-07	561 <sup>2</sup>	+04
Hogs	2,071	2,366	-12	2,071 <sup>2</sup>	0

<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: 11-20-12 - PRICES PAID PER LB., EXCEPT AS NOTED

	RANGE	RANGE	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.20- 1.40 lbs.	Geese 9-14LBS	1.20- 1.30 lbs. Quail .60- 1.10 ea.
Cockatiels	- 20.00 ea.	Pigeons	2.50- 2.75 ea. Broilers - 0.90 lbs.
Pekin Ducks	6.00- 6.50 ea.	White Pigeons	3.50- 3.75 ea. Ducklings - 0.70 ea.
Pullets 4-6LBS	.85- 0.90 lbs.	Rabbits 6-9LBS	1.50- 1.60 lbs. Canaries 12.00- 15.00 ea.
Red Fowl 5-6LBS	.45- 0.50 lbs.	Rabbits 4-6LBS	1.75- 1.90 lbs. Rheasants - 12.00 ea.
Red Fowl 4-5LBS	.40- 0.45 lbs.	Leghorn Hens	- 0.90 ea. Goose Eggs - 9.00 ea.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11LBS	.60- 0.80 lbs.	Bunnies	3.00- 6.00 ea. Laying Pullets 2.00- 3.00 ea.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6LBS	1.20- 1.40 lbs.	Doves	3.00- 3.75 ea. Fancy Bantams 7.00- 8.00 ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9LBS	.50- 0.60 lbs.	Goats	40.00- 55.00 ea. Hamsters - 0.65 ea.
Banty Roosters	3.00- 3.50 ea.	Turkeys	- 1.05 lbs. Rats - 0.25 ea.
Banty Hens	1.00- 2.50 ea.	Call Ducks	- 6.00 ea. Muscovy Ducks - Hens 1.30- 1.70 lbs.
Guinea Pigs	4.50- 7.00 ea.	Guinea Keets	.20- 0.30 ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.70- 2.10 lbs.	Chicks	.20- 0.25 ea.

**Total Coops Sold 3344**

**NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS****LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL**

Prices are trending steady. Supplies are sufficient for the mostly moderate demand. Processing schedules are less than normal due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Retail feature activity is very light entering the holiday weekend. Finished product supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

**Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:****Price Range****Wtd Avg**

Prices in cents per pound.

9.5-21.0

13.76

(Southeast Region broiler breeder hens generally for processing, 7 lbs. and up; under 7 lbs. subject to discount.)

**LIVE SPENT LIGHT FOWL**

Prices are trending steady for the generally fair demand. Offerings of light type hens are sufficient for current needs. Processing schedules are reduced due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Movement of finished product was fair. Market activity is slow to moderate. The majority price for removal costs continues unchanged at 0-7 cents per head.

(live hens are predominately egg-layers averaging about 3.5 lbs. live weight per bird.) Eastern region = AL, CT, DE, GA, KY, MA, MD, ME, MS, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, TN, VA, VT, and WV; North Central = IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI; South Central = AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX.

**WEEKLY NEW YORK CITY SEASONAL POULTRY**

FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 19, 2012.

**CAPONS:**

Prices are trending steady. Supplies of frozen USDA Grade A capons are in good balance with anticipated demand. Buying interest for December needs are good. Trade activity was moderate to active.

DOLLARS PER POUND DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS:

**6-9 LBS.**      2.30-2.65                      **MOSTLY**      2.30-2.45

**GEESE:**

Prices are trending steady. Supplies of frozen USDA Grade A geese are in close balance to tight. Booking and inquiries for December are about as expected. Trade activity is moderate to active.

DOLLARS PER POUND DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS:

**8-16 LBS.**      3.85-4.00                      **MOSTLY**      3.90-4.00

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