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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady to firm in the East, steady in the Midwest and West. Offering are light to moderate for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate for mid-week business. Floor stocks are mixed. Market activity is mostly moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate. Prices are generally steady for most parts, bone-in breast are weak. Offerings are light to moderate for wings, bone-in breast are available and discounted where product was in excess. 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 .25 cents to 97.25 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 89.75 cents last year on November 30, 2011.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	189.50
BREASTS - B/S	156.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	100.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	133.00
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 firm. Offerings of all sizes are light to adequate for current trade needs. Demand is mostly moderate for mid-week trading. Market activity is moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate. Prices for wings are steady to firm, and all other parts are overall steady. Offerings are sufficient. 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 mostly steady. The undertone on WOGs is steady to instances weak. Offerings light to moderate. Retail demand light with some considering it normal for the end of the month. Food service demand moderate. Bird weights desirable. Floor stocks moderate to sometimes longer than desired. Whole fryer and WOG movement light to moderate. The market is steady to weak with offering prices trending lower, wings and thigh meat steady to firm with offering prices unchanged to higher, balance of parts and meat items steady. Parts demand light to moderate. Offerings light to moderate with bone-in breasts instances moderately heavy. Movement light to moderate.

MIDWEST REGION Prices are trending steady on whole birds with a weak undertone. Additional offerings are moderate and more available. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate. Best movement on eight piece cut-ups and into fast food channels. Floor stocks are mixed. Sizes are light to heavy. Whole bird market activity is moderate with buyers cautious with the high prices of late. Parts supplies are moderate. Prices trended generally steady on all part 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 moderate for mid-week trading. Offerings of all sizes are sufficient for current needs. Market activity is moderate. In the parts complex, supplies of wings are light to moderate and clearing satisfactorily; bone-in breasts are readily available and slow to clear. Other items are moderate for current needs.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET DOWN SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 195 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 24, 2012. This was down 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 DOWN 4 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 151 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 24, 2012. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2012 through November 24, 2012 were 7.60 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 11/24/12	2012	2011	Percent Change Previous Year
	(thousand)		
Eggs Set	194,502	194,560	0
Chicks Placed	151,101	156,853	-04
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 05-Jan-13 is estimated at 141.3 million head. This compares to 139.7 million head the previous week and to 143.6 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 127.7 million head and the composite weighted average price was 81.33 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)		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 F.O.B. Dock

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
63.50 - 65.50	64.13	62.50 - 66.00	64.28	64.36

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 to firm for wings; weak for bone-in breast and steady to at least steady for the balance of items. Trucklot buying activity is light for mid-week trading. Offerings of wings are light to moderate and moving well; bone-in breast are available and discounted where product was in excess. Other items are generally sufficient for current needs. Movement is slow.

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

NOV 27 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	NOV 28 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	150	131.71	939,320	BREAST - B/S	150	130.94	711,400
TENDERLOINS	140	146.42	183,040	TENDERLOINS	140	142.26	168,400
BREAST - WITH RIBS	92-93	108.23	49,601	BREAST - WITH RIBS	91-92	106.74	48,894
BREAST - LINE RUN	92	94.35	67,768	BREAST - LINE RUN	91	93.32	66,719
LEGS	68-69	68.98	140,240	LEGS	68-69	64.59	214,120
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	50.59	334,080	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	50.49	227,475
DRUMSTICKS	54-55	61.14	121,520	DRUMSTICKS	54-55	63.19	56,640
THIGHS	68-69	77.11	46,960	THIGHS	68-69	73.13	53,520
B/S THIGHS	128-129	129.81	138,400	B/S THIGHS	128-129	130.22	75,560
WINGS (WHOLE)	185-186	192.32	239,400	WINGS (WHOLE)	185-186	191.63	227,680
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	11,000	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	7,110
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	57.14	12,960	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	57.14	10,950
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	80.16	31,560	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	80.10	17,680

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
	11/28	11/27	11/26	11/23	11/26	11/23	11/21	11/19	
Alabama	3,625	3,814	3,747	3,176	5.78	5.21	3,540	5.84	
Arkansas	4,698	4,995	4,684	2,924	5.84	4.69	4,941	5.70	
Delmarva	1,820	2,050	2,024	1,896	6.43	6.20	2,019	6.35	
KY-LA-TN	2,393	2,378	2,306	1,275	5.40	5.16	2,394	5.30	
Mississippi	2,693	2,680	2,698	2,102	6.31	6.19	2,566	6.30	
North Carolina	2,867	2,588	2,864	2,254	7.59	7.14	2,825	7.47	
Texas	2,466	2,471	2,432	2,202	6.15	5.85	2,327	6.17	
Total	20,562	20,976	20,755	15,829	6.18	5.72	20,612	6.11	
Mon-Wed	62,560	(A)					62,131	(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 28-Nov-12 is estimated to be 30,763,000 head down 0.54 percent from a week ago and up 7.06 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,930,000, last year 28,735,000)

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	141-190
	ICE PACK	
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	126
	ICE PACK	
DUCKS		217-305

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF U.S. BROILER/FRYERS AND FOWL

Under Federal Inspection for Week Ending 01-Dec-12

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	12/01/12 (1)	11/24/12
Broiler/fryer	152,212 (2)	122,460
Light hens	1,552	829
Heavy hens	1,448	845
Total	155,212	124,134

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 01-Dec-12 is 145.1 million head compared to 149.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 152.5 million head or 7.4 million more than estimated available. For the week of 08-Dec-12 the estimated available is 145.8 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

Selected Centers	(Including government stocks)	(In thousands)
Frozen Eggs	Proc. Turkeys	Proc. other Poultry lbs
Lbs	Lbs	
AM 11/26/12	3,027	77,516
AM 11/01/12	3,011	122,767
CHG	16	-45,251
PCT CHG	1%	-37%

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (In Thousands)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	11/26/12	11/19/12	11/28/11	11/26/12	11/19/12	11/28/11
PACIFIC COAST	357	326	382	1,159	1,150	1,931
ANGELES	197	184	209	404	396	569

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

All Papers Required To Sell All Out of State Poultry

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.25	.55	.38	HEAVY FOWL ea.	3.50	5.50	5.10
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	1.25	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	.30	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	4.25	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	17.00	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	22.50	30.00	25.63
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	6.50	8.50	6.92
RABBITS lb.	1.00	2.00	1.55	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.25	3.50	2.88
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	8.50	9.50	8.93
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	2.00	-	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	-	-	-
EMU ea.	45.00	70.00	55.00				

TOTAL PIECES SOLD 105

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending Nov 23, 2012

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	93.43	150.47	83.98	31.49	7.00	104.98
High	95.88	160.97	94.48	45.49	10.50	104.98
Mostly	94.48	157.47	90.98	38.49	7.00	104.98
SAN JUAN						
Low	93.08	146.97	80.48	31.49	7.00	104.98
High	94.48	157.47	90.98	41.99	10.50	104.98
Mostly	94.48	153.97	87.48	34.99	7.00	104.98
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	93.78	150.47	87.48	34.99	10.50	104.98
High	96.58	164.47	97.98	48.99	14.00	104.98
Mostly	94.48	157.47	94.48	41.99	10.50	104.98
BECERRA						
Low	94.48	153.97	90.98	34.99	10.50	104.98
High	97.28	164.47	101.48	52.49	14.00	104.98
Mostly	94.48	160.97	97.98	45.49	10.50	104.98

NATIONAL FOWL MARKET Nov 23, 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

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Less-than-trucklot asking prices are unchanged at 100 to 108 with a steady to firm trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is generally moderate for midweek trading. Offerings are light to moderate for current 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 ranged light to 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		74-116	
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		(A)	
NO. OF BOXES		(A)	

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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