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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Whole broiler/fryers prices are steady to at least steady overall. Final majority prices are unchanged in the Midwest and West, down 1 cent in the East when compared to last week prices. Offerings are light to moderate for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is light to instances good, mostly light to moderate following the weekend. Floor stocks are generally balanced. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Part prices are trending steady to firm on wings and breast items, steady for the balance of items. Offerings are light to moderate for wings, dark meat cuts are moderate to heavy with drums and thighs noted as slightly more available. All other items are generally sufficient with bone-in breast in better balance than a week earlier. Market activity is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at weights are mixed, but reported as mostly desirable.

**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 17-Dec-2012

Grade A		Composite	
Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg Loads
Delivered to First Receivers 1/:			
Boston/New England	TFEWR	:	89.33 18
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	:	90.72 12
Denver	TFEWR	:	105.50 6
Detroit	TFEWR	:	91.59 17
Los Angeles	107.00	109.36	14 : 99.91 53
New York	94.00-97.00	95.55	22 : 95.94 40
Philadelphia	93.50-95.00	94.00	11 : 94.31 24
Pittsburgh	93.00-96.00	94.55	11 : 96.89 53
St. Louis	TFEWR	:	89.91 13
San Francisco	107.50	109.17	6 : 104.08 13

Whole Body 2/:		Composite	
Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg Loads
Chicago	85.00-95.00	:	90.31 60

Composite Weighted Average 3/:				
Loads	12/17/12	Change Last Wk	12/10/12	12/19/11
309	95.67	- .88	96.55	80.01

WOG broiler 4/:		Majority		Wtd Avg		Loads	
Eastern	96.00-99.50			96.64		36	
Central	85.00-93.00			89.47		78	
Western	94.00-99.00			98.04		47	

FOB Dock Equivalent 5/:

Mississippi	90.00-92.00	91.91	11
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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 97.50 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
942	89.99-100.03	97.28	

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	188.50	1,701
BREASTS - B/S	161.00	7,342
BREASTS - WHOLE	99.00	1,424
THIGH MEAT - B/S	134.50	1,159
THIGHS	73.00	1,417
DRUMSTICKS	72.50	1,417
LEG QUARTERS	53.50	9,414
WINGS	185.00	3,798

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Prices are trending steady to at least steady for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers is light to moderate as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Offerings of all sizes are sufficient for current needs. Trade activity is slow to moderate. In the parts complex, supplies of wings and bone-in breast are in good balance and clearing well; other items are generally sufficient for current needs.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYER** Whole broiler/fryers prices are steady. Offerings of all sizes are sufficient for current trade needs. Demand into retail and food service channels is moderate following the weekend. Market activity is moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate entering the week. Part prices are mostly steady however; wings and whole breast are in good supply and moving well. Supplies of wings and bone-in breast are light to moderate, the balance of parts are mostly moderate. Market activity for parts is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majorities are unchanged from last Monday's prices. The market on whole broilers is steady. The WOG market is mixed with a strengthening undertone. Offerings light to moderate. Retail and food service demand is moderate. Weights desirable. Floor stocks moderate. Whole broiler and WOG market activity is moderate. Parts demand is light to moderate. The market activity for parts is light to moderate. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average is 96.76 cents, down 1.74 cents on 38 loads.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** - Final majority prices are mostly unchanged from last Monday. Whole bird prices are steady with offers light to moderate. Retail and food service demand is light to instances good. Floor stocks are balanced. Sizes are in a full range. Whole bird market activity is moderate. Supplies of bone-in breasts are light, wings are light to moderate with the balance of the parts moderate. Prices trended steady to firm on wings and steady on the balance of the parts items. Market activity on parts is slow to moderate.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Less-than-trucklot asking prices are unchanged at 97 to 105 with a steady trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is light to moderate as dealers assess current market conditions entering the week. Offerings are sufficient for trade needs. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but reported as desirable. Processor schedules are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts complex, wings and bone-in breasts are light to moderate. The balance of parts ranged moderate to heavy.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
Range	70-115
Weighted Average	(A)
No. Of Boxes	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Prices are trending firm to instances higher for wings and bone-in breast and mostly steady for the balance of items. Trucklot buying activity is seasonally light to moderate as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Offerings of wings and bone-in breast are in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Dark meat cuts are moderate to heavy with thighs and drums noted as slightly more available. Other items are generally sufficient 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.

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME
	TRADING*		AVG**	/LBS
BREAST - B/S		150	130.54	734,720
TENDERLOINS		140	141.44	122,520
BREAST - WITH RIBS	90-91	102.68	46,828	
BREAST - LINE RUN	90	93.15	66,263	
LEGS	68-69	65.33	127,960	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	51.65	180,040	
DRUMSTICKS	54-55	62.32	45,200	
THIGHS	68-69	82.83	44,880	
B/S THIGHS	128-129	129.97	86,280	
WINGS (WHOLE)	186-187	191.29	132,400	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	8,120	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	57.00	5,190	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	80.57	15,720	

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 pm.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER/FRYERS** (In Thousands)

	Estimate	Actual	Avg Wts	Actual	Avg Wts
	12/17	12/13	12/13	12/10	12/06
Alabama	3,647	3,775	5.64	3,784	5.84
Arkansas	4,764	4,843	5.64	4,855	5.55
Delmarva	2,075	1,792	6.18	2,050	6.27
Ky-LA-TN	2,454	2,283	5.13	2,267	5.09
Mississippi	2,850	2,593	5.86	2,779	6.11
North Carolina	2,461	2,761	7.30	2,466	7.40
Texas	2,125	2,440	5.84	2,339	5.78
Total	20,376	20,487	5.91	20,540	5.97
Mon	20,376	(A)		20,540	(A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 17-Dec-12 is estimated to be 30,485,000 down 1.09 percent from a week ago and up 0.6 percent from a year ago.

(last week 30,822,000 last year 30,301,000)

**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	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
	(000)			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)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
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 December 17, 2012 - F.O.B. Dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
63.00-66.00	64.48	63.84

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, and WI  
Week of 17-Dec-2012 TO 22-Dec-2012, Cents per Pound

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	118-146	122-128
TENDERLOINS	139-158	39-144
BREAST - LINE RUN	90-107	90-96
LEGS	63-69	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	46-61	48-51
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	48-61	51-54
DRUMSTICKS	46-58	-
THIGHS	66-83	-
B/S THIGHS	110-135	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	176-191	-
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	17-45	-
LIVERS	32-50	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	42-65	-

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**CALIFORNIA PROCESSED POULTRY - (cents per pound)**

**SOUTHERN (L.A. AREA)**

Delivered to Restaurants and Institutions

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	112-133
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	116-134
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	

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

**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 are trending steady on all fat contents of MSC. Supplies are moderate. Schedules are normal. Domestic and export demand is light to moderate with best interest on frozen MSC for export delivery. Contracts for 2013 are mostly finalized, though a few continue negotiating. Prices have been confirmed at levels similar to and lower than last year's levels in addition to formula based pricing. Market activity is slow to moderate. Raw material supplies are moderate to at times heavy. Spot frames traded between 11-13 cents FOB.

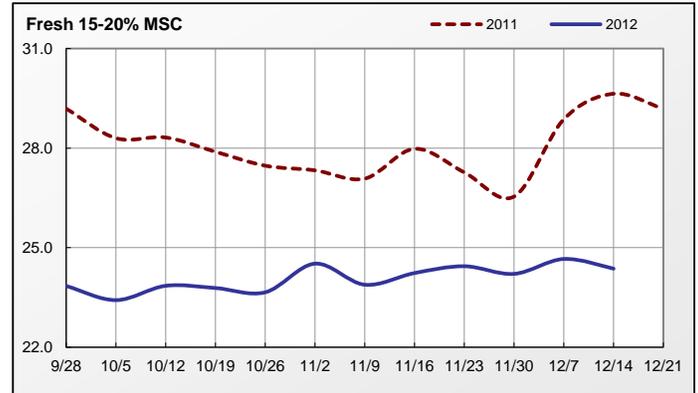
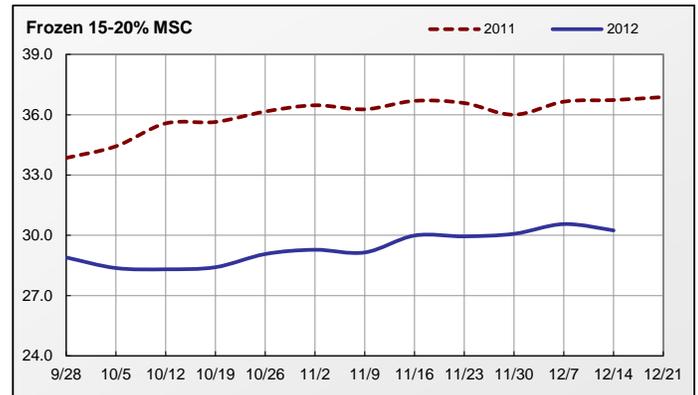
**Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)**

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	14-Dec-12	Last Week	Last Year	14-Dec-12	Last Week	Last Year
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Price Range	30.00	-	-	24.00 - 26.00	23.50 - 26.50	32.00
Wtd Avg Price	30.00	-	-	25.14	25.21	32.00
Volume Traded	40	-	-	143	143	61
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Price Range	28.00 - 32.00	29.00 - 32.00	34.00-40.00	22.00 - 28.00	22.00 - 28.00	26.00-33.50
Wtd Avg Price	30.24	30.56	36.73	24.37	24.66	29.64
Volume Traded	1,220	1,750	1,640	3,692	4,182	4,264
Volume Exported	1,100	1,510	1,280	612	775	1,469
<b>20% or More</b>						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.00	20.00	22.50
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.00	20.00	22.50
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	82	82
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Nov 2012	Oct 2012	Nov 2011	Nov 2012	Oct 2012	Nov 2011
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	30.00	31.00	-	25.04	25.16	31.74
Volume Traded	40	80	-	938	632	469
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	29.74	28.54	36.48	24.24	23.66	27.39
Volume Traded	8,995	7,585	6,588	20,460	15,891	13,433
Volume Exported	7,875	5,985	5,465	2,447	1,510	2,285
<b>20% or More</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.10	22.00	22.55
Volume Traded	-	-	-	408	245	408
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Note: Volume exported refers to that portion of the total volume that is destined for export markets.

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