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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Whole broiler/fryers prices are steady to higher in the East, steady elsewhere. Offerings are light to moderate for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate as interest focuses on traditional holiday items. Floor stocks are balanced. Market activity is moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate with some dealers having transportation complications due to the unavailability of trucks because of the upcoming holiday. Part prices are trending steady to firm on wings, steady to higher for bone-in breast and mostly steady for the balance of items. Offerings are light to moderate for wings and breast items, sufficient for other parts. Market activity is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at weights are mixed, but reported as mostly desirable.

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 **97.75** cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 90.00 cents last year on December 21, 2011.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	184.00
BREASTS - B/S	157.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	98.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	134.50
THIGHS	71.50
DRUMSTICKS	65.50
LEG QUARTERS	53.50
WINGS	187.00

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

SOUTHERN REGION Whole broiler/fryers prices are steady to firm. Offerings of all sizes are light to sufficient for current trade needs. Demand into retail and food service channels is light to moderate. Market activity is mostly moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for mid-week business. Prices for wings and breast items are trending steady to firm. The balance of parts are mostly moderate. Supplies of wings and breast are light to moderate with whole breast in the best position, all other parts are sufficient. Market activity for parts is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION The Los Angeles delivered quote is 107 cents, unchanged from last week. The market on whole broiler/fryers is steady. The WOGs market is steady to firm with offering prices unchanged to higher. Offerings light. Retail demand moderate to instances good with interest mostly centering on traditional holiday items. Foodservice demand moderate. Bird weights mostly desirable. Floor stocks generally in balance. Whole fryer and WOG movement is moderate. The market on boneless skinless breasts, bone-in breasts and small wings is steady with a steady to firm undertone, balance of items generally steady. Parts demand moderate to good, mostly moderate with best activity on featured items. Offerings of bone-in breasts and small wings light, boneless skinless breasts light to moderate and held with more confidence, balance of items light to moderate. Parts movement mostly moderate. More industry members are finding the upcoming holidays are starting to affect deliveries.

MIDWEST REGION Whole bird prices trended steady with offers light to moderate. Retail and food service demand is moderate. Best movement on features and eight piece cut-ups into delis and fast food sectors. Floor stocks are generally balanced. Sizes are desirable to heavy. Whole bird market activity is moderate. Supplies of bone-in breasts and wings are light to moderate with the remainder of white and dark meat items moderate. Parts prices trended steady to firm on small wings and steady on all other parts. 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 moderate for mid-week trading. Offerings of all sizes are in good balance and moving well. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts complex, supplies of wings and bone-in breast are light and clearing well; other items are sufficient for current needs.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET UP SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 195 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 15, 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 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 163 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 15, 2012. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2012 through December 15, 2012 were 8.08 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 12/15/12	2012	2011	Percent Change Previous Year
	(thousand)		
Eggs Set	194,939	194,602	0
Chicks Placed	163,174	162,116	+01
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 26-Jan-13 is estimated at 150.3 million head. This compares to 148.5 million head the previous week and to 152.0 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 148.9 million head and the composite weighted average price was 81.89 cents per pound.

DEC 18

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

DEC 19

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
63.00 – 66.50	64.62	64.00 – 66.00	64.99	64.24

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 firm to higher for bone-in breast; steady to firm for wings and mostly steady for the balance of items. Trucklot buying activity is seasonally light to moderate for mid-week trading. Offerings of wings and breast cuts are light to moderate and clearing satisfactorily. Other items are 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.

DEC 18 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	DEC 19 ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	150	130.07	1,141,800	BREAST - B/S	150	133.53	609,640
TENDERLOINS	140	146.54	248,480	TENDERLOINS	140	141.69	180,840
BREAST - WITH RIBS	90-91	102.52	57,632	BREAST - WITH RIBS	91-92	105.93	34,875
BREAST - LINE RUN	90	93.77	66,019	BREAST - LINE RUN	91	94.58	64,962
LEGS	68-69	63.51	165,940	LEGS	68-69	68.04	103,440
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	50.66	348,820	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	51.59	196,805
DRUMSTICKS	54-55	59.97	80,760	DRUMSTICKS	54-55	60.63	122,685
THIGHS	68-69	78.43	56,140	THIGHS	68-69	78.78	64,040
B/S THIGHS	128-129	131.41	120,720	B/S THIGHS	128-129	130.63	87,680
WINGS (WHOLE)	187-188	187.49	233,340	WINGS (WHOLE)	187-188	190.92	223,560
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	6,280	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	4,760
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	57.87	14,310	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	56.15	10,330
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	77.25	32,060	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	77.61	22,920

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		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL		AVG WTS
	(1,000)	12/18	(1,000)	12/17	12/17	12/14	12/12	12/10	
Alabama	3,633	3,743	3,785	3,424	5.75	5.84	3,518	5.92	
Arkansas	4,495	4,738	4,656	3,901	5.65	5.69	4,812	5.71	
Delmarva	1,907	2,053	1,939	2,024	6.35	6.16	1,856	6.38	
KY-LA-TN	2,391	2,470	2,461	2,185	5.36	4.92	2,244	5.34	
Mississippi	2,877	2,545	2,849	3,150	6.16	6.11	2,568	6.17	
North Carolina	2,595	2,832	2,074	2,985	7.94	7.41	2,800	7.76	
Texas	1,909	2,447	2,003	3,024	5.53	5.52	2,193	6.06	
Total	19,807	20,828	19,767	20,693	6.00	5.97	19,991	6.12	
Mon-Wed	61,011	(A)					61,177	(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 19-Dec-12 is estimated to be 29,633,000 head down 1.22 percent from a week ago and up 11.19 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 29,998,000, last year 26,652,000)

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 22-Dec-12

Class	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	12/22/12 (1)	12/15/12
	-----Thousand head-----	
Broiler/fryer	158,288 (2)	154,917
Light hens	2,110	2,085
Heavy hens	1,538	1,638
Total	161,936	158,640

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 22-Dec-12 is 146.0 million head compared to 138.2 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 158.6 million head or 12.6 million more than estimated available. For the week of 29-Dec-12 the estimated available is 143.1 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

Selected Centers	(Including government stocks)		(In thousands)
	Frozen Eggs	Proc. Turkeys	
	Lbs	Lbs	Proc. other Poultry lbs
AM 12/17/12	3,042	79,390	75,374
AM 12/01/12	3,002	76,727	69,836
CHG	40	2,663	5,538
PCT CHG	1%	3%	8%

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (In Thousands)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	12/17/12	12/10/12	12/19/11	12/17/12	12/10/12	12/19/11
PACIFIC COAST ANGELES	263	288	310	1,233	1,302	1,653
	138	150	219	499	538	504

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

All Papers Required To Sell All Out of State Poultry

	LOW HIGH AVG				LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.25	.70	.52	HEAVY FOWL ea.	3.50	7.00	4.50
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.	.25	2.20	.66
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	1.00	2.50	1.98
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.75	2.50	2.14
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	4.50	5.00	4.75
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	12.50	25.00	18.00
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	5.00	9.50	7.45
RABBITS lb.	1.90	3.10	2.22	RABBITS ea.	-	2.00	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	3.00	6.50	3.78
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	4.50	-	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.	2.50	3.50	3.33	FERRETS ea.	-	-	-
CHINCHILAS ea.	-	-	-	MICE ea.	-	-	-
PEAFOWL ea.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL EGGS (doz)	-	-	-
QUAIL EGGS ea.	-	-	-	GOOSE EGGS	-	-	-
EMU ea.	-	-	-				

TOTAL PIECES SOLD 164

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending Dec 14, 2012

	Whole Chickens		Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	92.40	142.15	85.29	35.54	7.11	106.61
High	95.24	156.37	95.95	46.20	10.66	106.61
Mostly	92.40	152.81	92.40	42.65	7.11	106.61
SAN JUAN						
Low	91.69	142.15	81.74	31.98	7.11	106.61
High	93.82	152.81	92.40	42.65	10.66	106.61
Mostly	92.40	149.26	88.84	39.09	7.11	106.61
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	93.11	142.15	88.84	35.54	10.66	106.61
High	95.95	159.92	103.06	49.75	14.22	106.61
Mostly	93.11	156.37	95.95	46.20	10.66	106.61
BECERRA						
Low	94.53	142.15	92.40	35.54	10.66	106.61
High	97.73	163.47	106.61	53.31	14.22	106.61
Mostly	94.53	159.92	99.51	46.20	10.66	106.61

NATIONAL FOWL MARKET Dec 14, 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

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Less-than-trucklot asking prices are 1 cent higher at 98 to 106 with a firm to higher trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is light to 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, wings and breast items are light to moderate. The balance of parts are generally sufficient.

*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		70-115	
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		(A)	
NO. OF BOXES		(A)	

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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