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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending steady in the West, firm to higher in the East and Midwest. Preliminary majority prices are higher in the Midwest unchanged elsewhere when compared to early week prices. Offerings of all sizes are seasonally light. Retail and food service demand is moderate to good as inclement weather moves into the Northeast area. Some dealers are having problems securing trucks for shipping due to the upcoming holiday. Floor stocks are balanced to short. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts structure, movement is moderate to instances good entering the weekend. Prices are trending steady to higher for wings and breast items, mostly firm to higher. All remaining parts are steady. Offerings of wings are light, breast items light to moderate and balance of parts are moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at desirable to heavy weights. According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) for the week ending December 22, 2012 broiler egg sets were up slightly, and chick placements were up 3% when compared to a year ago. Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 03-Feb-2012 is estimated at 152.1 million head, this compares to 150.3 million head a week earlier and 153.3 million head a year ago.

Preliminary Report

Prices negotiated for truck lot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers FOB Dock and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 31-Dec-2012 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A MAJORITY	RANGE	AVG	WTD LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
New York	100.00-103.00			
Los Angeles	107.00			
Whole Body 2/				
Chicago	98.00-104.00	95.00-107.00	101.96	23
FOB Dock Equivalent 3/:				
Mississippi	91.00-92.00	89.00-98.00	91.80	10

- 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 F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 98.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG
917	89.99 - 103.67	97.82

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER LB)	VOL (000 LBS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	184.00	1,574
BREASTS - B/S	157.50	6,638
BREASTS - WHOLE	98.00	1,168
THIGH MEAT - B/S	135.00	1,031
THIGHS	71.00	1,207
DRUMSTICKS	62.50	1,087
LEG QUARTERS	53.00	8,548
WINGS	188.00	3,347

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

MIDWEST BROILER/FRYER The preliminary majority price for next week delivering into the Chicago area is higher than Monday's final. Prices are trending firm to higher on whole birds with offerings light. Retail demand is light to moderate at most with holiday items receiving best call. Food service demand is moderate to good with eight piece cut-ups, rotisserie items, and small wings providing best movement. Floor stocks are balanced to short. Sizes are desirable. Whole bird market activity is moderate to active. Parts supplies are light. Parts prices trended steady to firm on all items. Market activity on parts is moderate to active with best interest on small wings and boneless skinless breasts. Many have experienced delays in deliveries throughout the week due to limited truck availability, weather related disruptions, and reduced production schedules for the holiday.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER

Prices are trending firm to higher for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers is moderate to good entering weekend as inclement weather moves into the area. Offerings of all sizes are in good balance and clearing well with premiums noted. Some dealers are having trouble securing trucks for deliveries. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts complex, supplies of wings and breast cuts are light and clearing well; other items are light to moderate for current needs.

SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER

Whole broiler/fryers prices are firm to higher. Offerings of all sizes are light for current trade needs. Demand into all channels is moderate to at times good entering the weekend. Plant operations for next week are reduced for the holiday. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts structure, movement is moderate to instances good. Part prices are trending firm to higher for wings, firm for breast cut and steady for the balance of parts. Offerings are light for wings and breast with good movement. All remaining parts are mostly moderate. Market activity for parts is moderate to active. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN BROILER/FRYER

The Los Angeles preliminary majority is 107 cents, unchanged from last week. The market on whole broiler/fryers is steady. The WOGs market is firm with prices trending higher for next week's shipments. Offerings very light to light. Retail demand moderate to good with some finding the increased interest similar to a non-holiday weekend causing some to anticipate any holiday related orders to appear early Monday. Foodservice demand moderate to good with some resort areas seeing increased activity in response to the upcoming holiday. Bird weights mostly desirable. Floor stocks very light to moderate. Whole fryer and WOG movement is moderate to sometimes good. The market on boneless skinless breasts, bone-in breasts and wings is steady to firm with prices unchanged to higher, balance of items steady with a steady to firm undertone. Parts demand moderate to good, mostly moderate. Offerings very light to light. Parts movement moderate to good, mostly moderate.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS

Less-than-trucklot asking prices are 1 cent higher at 103 to 111 with a firm to higher trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is moderate to good approaching the holiday. Offerings are light and moving well. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but reported as mostly desirable. Processing schedules are heavy when combined with plants operating on Saturday. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts complex, supplies are light to moderate with wings and breasts cuts in the tightest position.

*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	70-120
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	12/24/12 - 12/28/12 (A)
	12/26/11 - 12/30/11 (A)
NO. OF BOXES	12/24/12 - 12/28/12 (A)
	12/26/11 - 12/30/11 (A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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	Dec 27			WTD AVG	Dec 28			WTD AVG	WEEKLY (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG
	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY		POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY			
BREAST - B/S			TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT	264	128.76	
TENDERLOINS			TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT	276	128.35	
BREAST - LINE RUN			TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT	TFEWR		
FRONT HALVES			TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT	95	82.42	
LEGS			TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT	TFEWR		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)			TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT	294	48.75	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)			TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT	527	49.76	
WINGS (WHOLE)			TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT	TFEWR		
WINGS (CUT)			TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT	TFEWR		
DRUMSTICKS			TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT	TFEWR		
THIGHS			TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT	TFEWR		
B/S THIGHS			TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT	TFEWR		

Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for - F.O.B. DOCK

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RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
65.00 - 67.50	66.25	63.50 - 67.25	65.08	65.57

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 wings; firm for breast cuts and at least steady for the balance of items. Trucklot buying activity is moderate to instances good entering the weekend as inclement weather enters parts of the Northeast. Offerings of breast cuts and wings are light and clearing well; other items are light to moderate for current needs. Movement is moderate to active.

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

ITEM	Dec 27			WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS	Dec 28			WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS
	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	WTD AVG**			CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	WTD AVG		
BREAST - B/S	150	132.64	231,880	150	131.95	757,960	131.03	1,862,420		
TENDERLOINS	140-145	139.74	84,520	140-145	144.01	164,880	143.7	477,280		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	92-93	105.20	30,295	92-93	106.18	68,840	105.06	175,036		
BREAST - LINE RUN	92	95.39	74,135	92	95.85	77,992	95.63	228,461		
LEGS	68-69	66.08	126,320	68-69	67.78	152,040	66.14	508,720		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	51.00	115,640	47-48	50.93	264,040	50.56	880,160		
DRUMSTICKS	54-55	61.21	62,680	54-55	64.69	94,640	61.9	294,480		
THIGHS	68-69	78.72	53,040	68-69	77.76	53,880	76.86	228,640		
B/S THIGHS	128-129	133.12	31,040	128-129	130.82	82,920	130.78	204,640		
WINGS (WHOLE)	189-190	193.10	133,800	190-191	189.77	278,560	190.16	724,920		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	5,393	16-18	18.00	6,440	18.00	16,872		
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	56.77	2,910	55-60	55.4	4,990	56.62	29,740		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	78.56	5,680	75-80	79.23	37,000	79.07	79,640		

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)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	
Alabama	4,272	3,812	3,608	0	5.69	4,735	5.70	5.70	
Arkansas	6,948	4,652	2,906	0	5.47	5,001	5.52	5.52	
Delmarva	2,696	2,029	2,046	0	6.49	2,333	6.54	6.54	
Ky-LA-TN	2,846	2,417	2,197	0	5.26	2,582	5.20	5.20	
Mississippi	3,628	2,872	2,743	0	6.51	3,040	6.10	6.10	
North Carolina	5,139	2,847	2,522	0	7.46	3,795	7.52	7.52	
Texas	3,657	2,425	2,456	0	5.87	2,813	5.84	5.84	
Total	29,186	21,054	18,478	0	6.08	24,299	5.98	5.98	
Mon-Friday	75,696	(A)				104,795	(A)		
Saturday	8,576	(included in total for date shown)				4,860			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 28-Dec-12 and 29-Dec-12 is estimated to be 43,666,000 head up 19.75 percent from a week ago and up 46.55 percent from a year ago. (Last week 30,089,000, last year 29,796,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 29-Dec-12 is estimated to be 113,250,000 head down 27.19 percent from a week ago, and down 10.24 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 155,551,000, last year 126,173,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PROCESSED POULTRY

(Los Angeles area) - delivered to retailers

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	120-135
ROASTERS 4# & UP	137-149
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

delivered to restaurants & institutions

	RANGE
FRESH/FRYERS	141-190
ROASTERS 4# & UP	126
DUCKS	217-305

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED

W/E 22-Dec-2012	Under Federal Inspection (Preliminary) (In Thousands)				Total
	(A) 4.25 lbs & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs	(D) 7.76 lbs & up	
Head	38,970	67,658	27,601	21,322	155,551
Avg Live Wgt	3.67	5.27	6.91	8.79	5.64
% of total /1	25%	43%	18%	14%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	35,503	59,909	33,322	23,647	152,381
Avg Live Wgt	3.72	5.46	6.88	8.44	5.83
% of total /1	23%	39%	22%	16%	100%
Year Ago 2/	30,544	65,095	25,667	15,260	136,566
Avg Live Wgt	3.55	5.43	6.86	8.47	5.62
% of total /1	22%	48%	19%	11%	100%
To date/2012*	1,887,879	3,165,253	1,496,651	1,209,337	7,759,121
To date/2011*	1,823,128	3,421,063	1,516,915	1,198,967	7,959,527
% Change YTD	4%	-7%	-1%	1%	-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.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(Preliminary) W/E 22-Dec-2012	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
Head	155,551	1,910	1,272	3,182	399
Avg Wt	5.64	3.11	7.86	5.01	5.65
Last week	152,381	1,770	1,644	3,414	465
Same wk yr ago	136,566	981	1,611	2,592	398
Avg Wt	5.62	3.27	7.61	5.97	6.86
To-date/2012*	7,759,122	75,252	80,150	155,402	21,173
To-date/2011*	7,959,527	67,950	78,216	146,166	21,903
% Change YTD	-3%	11%	2%	6%	-3%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	662,367	3,208	6,549	9,757	1,612
Last week	670,728	2,944	8,550	11,494	2,008
Same wk yr ago	575,626	1,700	8,091	9,791	1,966
To-date/2012*	33,670,918	128,000	418,483	546,483	101,547
To-date/2011*	34,044,567	116,305	404,358	520,663	106,613
% Change YTD	-1%	10%	3%	5%	-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 145.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 157.4 million head, or 12.2 million more than estimated available.

(B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

EST. U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER - AVAILABLE COMPARISON

Week Ending	Slaughtered	Available*	Pct	Avg Wt
11/17	152.9	149.6	102%	5.83
11/24	125.4	145.4	86%	5.86
12/01	155.3	144.8	107%	5.94
12/08	155.1	146.8	106%	5.94
12/15	154.2	145.2	106%	5.83
12/22	157.4	145.2	108%	5.64
Year to date	7,853.6	7,790.7	101%	
12/29		143.1		
1/05		139.0		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

EASTERN REGION MISC POULTRY

Delivery week of 24-Dec-12
DUCKLINGS: Prices Negotiated by First Receivers, US Grade A, 4-5 lbs. Delivered in Trucklot and Pool Trucklot Quantities, Cents/lb.

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	226-230	231-237
MIDWEST	197-212	202-218

ROASTERS: Prices Negotiated By First Receivers, US Grade A & Plant Grade, 5 Lbs & Up, Delivered, Cents/lb.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	87.00-106.00	90.00-102.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	89.00-107.00	92.00-103.00

SQUABS: New York Area Wholesale Prices, Frozen, Plant Grade,

Dollars/Dozen, 1 to 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 remain steady. Demand and supplies are mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate. Processing schedules are varied due to the Christmas holiday and upcoming New Years Day. 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 24-Dec-12

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

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection (in thousands)

W/E	12/29/12	12/22/12	%CHG	12/31/11	%CHG
Broilers	113,250	155,551 ¹	-0.73	126,173 ¹	-0.90
Cattle	476	633	-0.75	540 ²	-0.88
Hogs	1,755	2,340	-0.75	1,961 ²	-0.89

¹ Actual data incorporated when available.

² Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

Date of Auction: 12-25-12 – Prices Paid Per Lb., Except As Noted

This report will not be released this week due to the Christmas holiday.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS**LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL**

Prices are trending at least steady. Supplies are sufficient for the seasonally moderate demand. Processing schedules are less than normal due to the Christmas holiday. Retail feature activity is light to moderate entering the weekend and holiday period with the majority of the interest centered in the South Central regions. Finished product supplies are light to moderate and moving well. Market activity is moderate.

Final prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
	10.0 – 22.0	13.87

(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 mostly moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are light to moderate for current needs. Processing schedules are reduced due to the Christmas holiday. Movement of finished product sales were moving seasonally well. Market activity is moderate. The majority price for removal costs is unchanged at 0-7 cents per head.

Liive 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.

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