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****Effective January 4, 2013 the following reports will be discontinued: Daily New York, Chicago, Midwest, Northeast, Southern, Delmarva, Los Angeles, Western Region Broiler Report, Weekly Composite Weighted Average for RTC Broiler Report, Weekly Eastern, Central, and Western WOG Report, Weekly Final/Preliminary Broiler Report, and Weekly Mississippi Final/Preliminary Broiler Report. The weighted average prices and volumes reported on these reports will continue to be published on the Weekly National Whole Broiler/Fryer Report. The new report can be found at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/PYMN> Report Whole Broiler Fryer.****

NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending steady to firm in the West, firm to higher in the East, and firm in the Midwest. Final majority prices are higher in the Midwest unchanged elsewhere when compared to last week prices. Offerings of all sizes are in close balance and moving well with some operations taking down time due to the holiday. Retail and food service demand is moderate to good with some dealers having problems securing trucks for shipping due to the holiday. Floor stocks are balanced to short. Market activity is moderate to active as inclement weather conditions moves into the Northeast area. In the parts structure, movement is moderate to good following 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.

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 31-Dec-2012

Grade A		Composite	
Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg Loads
Delivered to First Receivers 1/:			
Boston/New England	TFEWR	:	96.74 19
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	:	103.22 9
Denver	TFEWR	:	109.00 7
Detroit	TFEWR	:	99.46 13
Los Angeles	107.00	111.43	15: 107.53 44
New York	100.00-103.00	101.86	21: 101.85 41
Philadelphia	99.50-101.00	100.55	11: 100.73 24
Pittsburgh	99.00-102.00	101.09	11: 101.48 55
St. Louis	TFEWR	:	98.99 12
San Francisco	107.50	110.33	6: 106.67 12

Whole Body 2/:		Composite	
Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg Loads
Chicago	98.00-104.00	:	101.48 44

Composite Weighted Average 3/:			
Loads	12/31/12	Change Last Wk	12/24/12
280	102.94	3.37	99.57
			81.70

WOG broiler 4/:		Majority		Wtd Avg		Loads	
Eastern	100.00-106.00			102.06			37
Central	98.00-104.00			100.76			57
Western	104.00-107.00			106.15			35

FOB Dock Equivalent 5/:

Mississippi	90.00-92.00	91.80	10
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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 98.00 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
967	89.99-103.67	97.94	

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	186.00	1,590
BREASTS - B/S	159.50	6,503
BREASTS - WHOLE	99.00	1,146
THIGH MEAT - B/S	134.50	845
THIGHS	71.50	1,417
DRUMSTICKS	64.00	1,227
LEG QUARTERS	53.00	8,573
WINGS	188.00	3,343

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

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Prices are trending firm to higher for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers is moderate to good as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Offerings of all sizes are in close balance and moving well with some operations taking down time due to the holidays. Trade activity is moderate to active as inclement weather conditions moves into the area. In the parts complex, supplies of wings and boneless skinless breast are in good balance and clearing well; other items are light to moderate for current needs.

SOUTHERN REGION 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 good entering the week. Market operations for this week are reduced for the holiday. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts structure, movement is moderate to good. Part prices are trending firm to higher for wings and b/s breast, 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 REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majorities are unchanged from last Monday's prices. The market on whole broilers is steady with a steady to firm undertone. The WOG market is firm with prices trending higher. Offerings light at best. Retail demand is moderate to good for weekend fill-in business and also for post-holiday features. Food service demand is moderate to good. Weights desirable. Floor stocks very light to moderate. Whole broiler and WOG market activity is moderate. The parts market is steady to firm. Demand moderate to good. Parts market activity is moderate. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average is 106.11 cents, up 3.38 cents on 27 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS - Final majority prices are higher. Whole bird prices are firm with offers light. Retail and food service demand is moderate going into the New Year's holiday. Floor stocks are balanced to light. Sizes are desirable. Whole bird market activity is moderate to active. Parts supplies are light. Parts prices are steady to firm. Market activity for parts is moderate to active with good interest on boneless skinless breasts and wings. For many trucking issues continue.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Less-than-trucklot asking prices are 1 cent higher at 104 to 112 with a firm to higher trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is moderate to good closing out the year. Offerings are balanced to tight. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed at mostly desirable weights. Processing schedules are light when combined with reduced schedules for the holiday. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts complex, supplies ranged light to moderate with wings in the best position.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
Range	70-121
Weighted Average	(A)
No. Of Boxes	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Prices are trending firm to higher for wings and boneless skinless breast; steady to firm for bone-in breasts and at least steady for the balance of items. Trucklot buying activity is moderate to good entering the holiday week as inclement weather conditions hampers parts of the Northeast. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts and wings are light and moving well; other items are light to moderate for current needs with many dealers experiencing delays in deliveries due to truck availability and production down time due to the holidays. Movement is moderate to active.

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

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS.
BREAST - B/S		150-155	131.24	702,080
TENDERLOINS		140-145	143.90	113,440
BREAST - WITH RIBS		92-93	106.46	56,959
BREAST - LINE RUN		92	95.72	73,914
LEGS		68-69	65.08	118,160
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		47-48	50.69	200,400
DRUMSTICKS		54-55	64.82	85,600
THIGHS		68-69	78.03	73,080
B/S THIGHS		128-129	129.76	69,320
WINGS (WHOLE)		192-193	192.48	192,840
BACKS & NECKS (STRIPPED)		16-18	18.00	3,404
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		55-60	59.00	2,520
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		75-80	79.56	19,520

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 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER/FRYERS

	Estimate (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wts	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wts
	12/31	12/27	12/27	12/24	12/20
Alabama	2,660	3,743	5.73	(A)	5.66
Arkansas	2,709	4,619	5.60	1,263	5.38
Delmarva	1,689	2,050	6.36	0	6.08
KY-LA-TN	2,394	2,274	5.20	927	4.38
Mississippi	2,618	2,860	6.20	929	5.53
North Carolina	2,469	2,786	7.42	478	7.50
Texas	1,485	2,409	5.91	(A)	5.48
Total	16,024	20,741	6.02	4,128	5.71
Mon	16,024(B)			4,128(B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 31-Dec-12 is estimated to be 23,974,000 up 287.05 percent from a week ago and up 384.4 percent from a year ago. (last week 6,194,000 last year 4,950,000)

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 (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD 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 DEC 31, 2012 -- F.O.B. DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
63.50 - 67.50	65.77	65.62

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, & WI WEEK OF 31-DEC-2012 TO 04-JAN-2013, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	120.00 - 149.00	124.00 - 133.00
TENDERLOINS	139.00 - 158.00	144.00 - 148.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	90.00 - 112.00	93.00 - 99.00
LEGS	65.00 - 69.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	46.00 - 61.00	47.00 - 50.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	49.00 - 62.00	49.00 - 53.00
DRUMSTICKS	46.00 - 62.00	-
THIGHS	66.00 - 83.00	-
B/S THIGHS	112.00 - 135.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	181.00 - 200.00	-
BACKS & NECKS (STRIPPED)	17.00 - 45.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 50.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	42.00 - 65.00	-

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CALIFORNIA PROCESSED POULTRY – cents per pound

IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	112-134
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	116-135

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

IN SAN FRANCISCO

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK
	DRY PACK 141-190
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK
	DRY PACK 126
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.)

MSC prices are trending steady on all fat contents. Supplies are light to moderate. Schedules are seasonally reduced for the Christmas and New Year's holiday. Domestic and export demand is light to moderate going into the weekend and holiday. Trucking and delivery issues have been problematic for many this week due to limited truck availability, weather disruptions nationwide, and reduced production schedules. Contracts for 2013 are mostly finalized with prices confirmed at levels similar to and lower than last year's levels in addition to more formula based pricing. Market activity is slow to moderate. Raw material supplies are moderate to available as many packers choose to sell spot frames instead of MSC. Frames traded between 11-13.5 cents FOB, mostly 11-12 cents FOB.

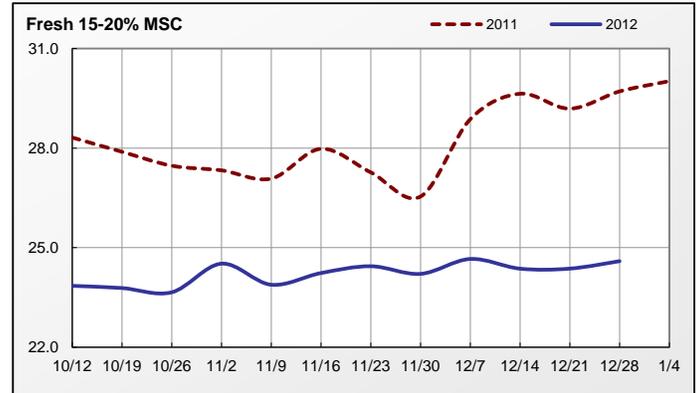
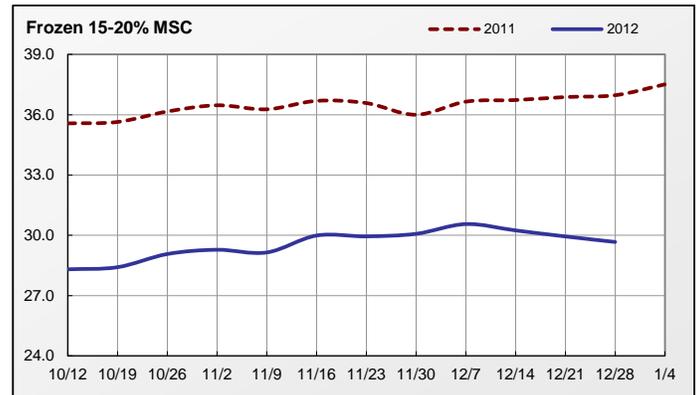
Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	28-Dec-12	Last Week	Last Year	28-Dec-12	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	-	-	-	24.00 - 26.00	-	32.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	25.00	-	32.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	163	-	163
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	28.00 - 32.00	28.00 - 32.00	34.00-40.00	18.00 - 27.00	19.00 - 27.00	26.00-33.00
Wtd Avg Price	29.67	29.94	36.97	24.59	24.37	29.71
Volume Traded	825	935	1,157	3,386	3,407	4,330
Volume Exported	825	935	1,037	163	286	938
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	22.50
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	22.50
Volume Traded	-	-	-	41	82	41
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
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	30.00	31.00	-	25.04	25.16	31.74
Volume Traded	40	80	-	938	632	469
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
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
20% or More						
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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