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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady to firm in the West, firm to higher in the East and firm in the Midwest. Offerings are light for current trade needs with some dealers having trouble securing trucks for deliveries. Retail and food service demand is moderate to good following the holiday. Floor stocks are mixed with many buyers monitoring inventories after the holiday. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts structure, movement is moderate to good for mid-week business. Prices are trending steady to higher for wings and breast items, mostly firm to higher with remaining items steady. Offerings of wings and breast items are light and moving well. All other part items are moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. In production areas, live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed but mostly desirable.



The Composite Weighted Average price for 12/31/12 is 102.94 compared to 99.57 a week earlier, and 81.70 a year ago.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .50 cents to **98.50** 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 January 4, 2012.

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	186.00
BREASTS - B/S	161.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	101.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	134.50
THIGHS	71.50
DRUMSTICKS	65.50
LEG QUARTERS	54.00
WINGS	189.50

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

**SOUTHERN REGION** Whole broiler/fryers prices are trending firm to higher. Offerings of all sizes are light for current trade needs. Demand into retail and food service channels is moderate to good. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts structure, movement is moderate to good for mid-week and first of the month business. Prices for wings and breast items are trending firm the higher. All remaining part prices are trending steady. Offerings are light for breast, tenders and wings with good movement. Dark meat items are light to moderate. Market activity for parts is moderate to active. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION** The Los Angeles delivered quote is 108 cents, up 1 cent from last week. The market on whole broiler/fryers and WOGs is steady to firm with offering prices unchanged to higher. Offerings light at best. Retail demand moderate with some finding holiday fill-in orders not up to expectations. Foodservice demand moderate to good, mostly moderate. Bird weights mostly desirable. Floor stocks light to moderate. Whole fryer and WOG movement is moderate. The market on breast items is steady to firm with offering prices unchanged to higher, balance of items steady. Parts demand moderate to good, mostly moderate. Offerings light at best coming off the shortened seller holiday processing schedules. Parts movement moderate to good, mostly moderate.

**MIDWEST REGION** Whole bird prices are firm. Additional offerings are light with continued good interest. Demand is moderate into retail and food service channels. Floor stocks are balanced to short as buyers are closely watching inventories and orders after the holiday. Sizes are desirable. Whole bird market activity is moderate to active. Parts supplies are light. Parts prices are trending steady to firm. Market activity on parts is moderate to active with best interest on boneless skinless breasts and small wings.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Prices are trending higher for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers is moderate to good following the holiday. Offerings of all sizes are in good balance and clearing well with some dealers having trouble securing trucks for deliveries. Market activity is active. In the parts complex, supplies of wings and breast cuts are light with good movement; other items are light to moderate for current needs.

## BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 196 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 29, 2012. This was up 1 percent 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 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 159 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 29, 2012. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2012 through December 29, 2012 were 8.41 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 12/29/12	2012	2011	Percent Change Previous Year
	(thousand)		
Eggs Set	195,577	192,967	+01
Chicks Placed	158,780	162,444	-02

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 09-Feb-13 is estimated at 150.0 million head. This compares to 152.1 million head the previous week and to 153.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 153.4 million head and the composite weighted average price was 86.31 cents per pound.

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)	RANGEMAJORITY	AVG	WTD
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 F.O.B Dock

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
63.50 – 67.00	65.36	65.61

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 and breast cuts and steady to at least steady for the balance of items. Trucklot buying activity is moderate to good following the holiday. Offerings of breasts cut, tenders and wings are light and moving well; other items are light to moderate for current needs with some dealers experiencing delays in deliveries due to truck availability. Movement is moderate to active.

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

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	155	131.39	770,040
TENDERLOINS	145	144.64	136,800
BREAST - WITH RIBS	93-94	106.62	58,810
BREAST - LINE RUN	93	96.87	76,237
LEGS	68-69	67.04	134,240
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	49.49	207,120
DRUMSTICKS	54-55	64.54	77,080
THIGHS	68-69	77.65	72,120
B/S THIGHS	128-129	125.62	92,480
WINGS (WHOLE)	193-194	199.30	251,840
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	5,036
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	58.77	9,050
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	80.18	15,760

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 (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL		AVG WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	
Alabama	01/02	01/01	12/31	12/28	12/31	12/28	12/26	12/24	5.85
Arkansas	3,385	(A)	2,607	4,216	5.13	5.87	3,608	5.85	5.85
Delmarva	4,729	0	2,675	7,506	5.56	5.02	2,906	4.34	4.34
KY-LA-TN	1,694	0	1,064	2,722	6.60	6.20	2,046	N/A	N/A
Mississippi	2,450	0	1,934	2,765	5.49	5.76	2,197	3.96	3.96
North Carolina	2,815	636	2,597	3,505	6.01	6.06	2,743	5.31	5.31
Texas	2,784	715	2,253	5,236	7.55	7.62	2,522	8.62	8.62
Total	2,471	0	1,442	4,029	5.75	6.00	2,456	3.74	3.74
Mon-Wed	20,328	1,645	14,572	29,979	5.96	6.02	18,478	5.04	5.04
	37,590	(B)					22,606	(B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 02-Jan-13 is estimated to be 30,413,000 head up 9.68 percent from a week ago and up 0.73 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 27,728,000, last year 30,192,000)

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**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)**  
Processed Poultry, Delivered to Retailer

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

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**  
Delivered to Restaurants and Institutions

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

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

Under Federal Inspection for Week Ending 29-Dec-12

Class	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	12/22/12 (1)	12/15/12
	-----Thousand head-----	
Broiler/fryer	123,502 (2)	115,119
Light hens	1,518	1,049
Heavy hens	1,182	880
Total	126,202	117,048

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 05-Jan-13 is 141.1 million head compared to 136.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 123.7 million head or -17.4 million less than estimated available. For the week of 12-Jan-13 the estimated available is 142.9 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS**

Selected Centers	(Including government stocks)		(In thousands)
	Frozen Eggs	Proc. Turkeys	
	Lbs	Lbs	Proc. other Poultry lbs
AM 12/31/12	2,985	90,863	78,498
AM 12/01/12	3,002	76,727	69,836
CHG	-17	14,136	8,662
PCT CHG	-1%	18%	12%

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (In Thousands)**

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	01/01/13	12/25/12	01/02/12	01/01/13	12/25/12	01/02/12
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>	246	259	310	1,508	1,643	1,616
<b>ANGELES</b>	109	133	219	896	941	620

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

All Papers Required To Sell All Out of State Poultry

	LOW HIGH AVG			FOR 01/02/13			
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG	
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	.80	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	1.00	8.50	4.76
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	2.00	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.00	3.25	1.96
ROOSTERS lb.	-	.60	-	ROOSTERS ea.	7.00	8.00	7.80
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	5.50	12.50	8.88
RABBITS lb.	1.70	3.00	2.22	RABBITS ea.	-	2.00	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	-	4.00	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	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.	2.00	2.50	2.25	FERRETS ea.	-	-	-
CHINCHILAS ea.	-	-	-	MICE ea.	-	-	-
PEAFOWL ea.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL EGGS (doz)	-	-	-
QUAIL EGGS ea.	-	-	-	GOOSE EGGS	-	-	-
EMU ea.	-	-	-				

TOTAL PIECES SOLD 129

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-MEXICO CITY**

Cents per pound for the week ending Dec 28, 2012

	Whole	Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers/	
	Chickens	Breasts	W/Thighs	& Wings	
<b>RAYON</b>					
Low	107.29	160.76	104.84	45.43	6.99 111.83
High	110.08	178.23	118.82	59.41	10.48 111.83
Mostly	109.04	171.24	111.83	52.42	8.74 111.83
<b>SAN JUAN</b>					
Low	106.59	157.26	104.84	48.93	6.99 111.83
High	109.04	174.74	115.33	59.41	10.48 111.83
Mostly	108.34	167.75	108.34	55.92	8.74 111.83
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>					
Low	107.64	160.76	104.84	48.93	10.48 115.33
High	110.43	181.73	122.32	62.90	13.98 115.33
Mostly	108.34	174.74	115.33	55.92	10.48 115.33
<b>BECERRA</b>					
Low	108.34	164.25	104.84	52.42	10.48 115.33
High	111.83	185.22	125.81	66.40	13.98 115.33
Mostly	108.34	178.23	118.82	62.90	10.48 115.33

**NATIONAL FOWL MARKET** Dec 28, 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 105 to 113 with a firm to higher trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds ranged moderate to good following the holiday. Offerings are light and clearing well. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but reported as mostly desirable. Processing schedules are moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts complex, supplies are light to moderate with wings and breast cuts in the best 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.

<b>BRANDED U.S. GRADE A</b>	
RANGE	78-121
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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