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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending firm in the East, higher in the Midwest and West. Offerings of all sizes are light to moderate and clearing well. Retail and food service demand is light to good, mostly moderate to good entering the weekend with some buyers showing resistance to higher prices. Floor stocks are balanced to short as buyers are ordering hand to mouth. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts structure, movement is moderate to good for late week business. Prices are trending steady to higher for wings, breasts and tenders; steady to at least steady for the balance of parts. Offerings of breast items, wings and tenders are short of full needs with premiums noted; other items are light to moderate for current needs. Market activity for parts is moderate to active. In production areas, live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but reported as mostly desirable. According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) for the week ending December 29, 2012 broiler egg sets were up 1, and chick placements were down 2% when compared to a year ago. Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 09-Feb-2013 is estimated at 150.0 million head, this compares to 152.1 million head a week earlier and 153.3 million head a year ago.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK WHOLE BIRD PRICES

The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 98.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT PRELIM. WTD. AVG

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG
976	90.12 - 100.03	98.67

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

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER LB)	VOL (000 LBS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	189.00	1,669
BREASTS - B/S	164.00	7,222
BREASTS - WHOLE	102.50	1,382
THIGH MEAT - B/S	134.50	1,159
THIGHS	73.00	1,327
DRUMSTICKS	72.50	1,357
LEG QUARTERS	54.00	9,302
WINGS	192.00	3,711

USDA Weekly National Whole Broiler/Fryer Report (Fri)

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	104.98	2.92	11,248
Last Week:	102.06		10,712
Last Year:	81.61	23.37	13,600

Monthly Composite Weighted Average

	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Dec	97.63	47,943

Eastern Region

THIS WEEK

LAST WEEK

	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	70.00 - 124.00	101.00 - 107.00	103.61	2.59	5,555	101.02	4,903
WOGS:	74.00 - 109.00	100.00 - 108.00	103.93	1.39	1,304	102.54	1,183

NEW YORK

Whole Body:	92.50 - 109.00	103.00 - 107.00	105.34	3.38	1,403	101.96	1,368
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Central Region

THIS WEEK

LAST WEEK

	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	93.00 - 112.00	100.00 - 104.00	102.58	2.80	3,372	99.78	3,338
WOGS:	93.00 - 107.00	99.00 - 103.00	101.87	3.05	2,514	98.83	2,370

CHICAGO

Whole Body:	96.00 - 112.00	102.00 - 105.00	103.14	1.47	1,860	101.67	1,690
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Western Region

THIS WEEK

LAST WEEK

	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	98.00 - 120.00	108.00 - 114.00	111.74	4.55	2,322	107.19	2,471
WOGS:	98.00 - 118.00	109.00 - 114.00	111.81	6.10	1,927	105.71	1,713

LOS ANGELES

Whole Body:	98.00 - 120.00	112.00 - 116.00	113.00	5.63	1,560	107.37	1,625
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Negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot quantities of ready-to-cook whole body broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers; prices in cents per pound; volume in thousands of pounds.

Eastern Region: AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,MS,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV. **Central Region:** AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,KY,LA,MI,MN,MO,NE,NM,OK,OH,SD,TX,WI. **Western Region:** AZ,CA,ID,MT,NV,OR,UT,WA,WY.

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NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Prices are trending firm to higher for thighs and wings; firm for breast cuts and tenders and mostly steady for the balance of items. Trucklot buying activity is moderate to good as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Offerings of wings are in balance to short of full needs; breast cuts, thighs and thigh meat are light and clearing well. Other items are sufficient 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	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	160	136.18	814,440
TENDERLOINS	150	147.07	145,640
BREAST - WITH RIBS	95-96	109.78	70,317
BREAST - LINE RUN	95	97.88	72,000
LEGS	68-69	66.37	188,880
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	49.56	294,840
DRUMSTICKS	54-55	64.70	96,160
THIGHS	70-71	82.30	73,720
B/S THIGHS	128-129	125.61	80,600
WINGS (WHOLE)	196-197	201.40	219,100
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	7,160
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	58.48	8,940
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	79.31	28,120

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)

****Correction to Delmarva and Total****

	Estimate	Actual	Avg Wts	Actual	Avg Wts
	01/07	01/03	01/03	12/31	12/27
Alabama	3,690	3,638	5.71	2,607	5.73
Arkansas	4,917	4,700	5.56	2,675	5.60
Delmarva	**2,037	2,071	6.43	1,064	6.36
Ky-LA-TN	2,334	2,385	5.22	1,934	5.18
Mississippi	2,830	2,838	6.26	2,597	6.20
North Carolina	2,870	2,862	7.49	2,253	7.42
Texas	2,451	2,451	5.87	1,442	5.91
Total	**21,129	20,945	6.03	14,572	6.01
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(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 07-Jan-13 is estimated to be 31,589,000 up 44.46 percent from a week ago and up 2.6 percent from a year ago.

(last week 21,867,000; last year 30,774,000)

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	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S		TFTR		
TENDERLOINS	212	139.00-150.00	-	140.19
FRONT HALVES		TFTR		
LEGS		TFTR		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	155	47.00-49.00	-	47.87
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	192	49.00-51.00	-	49.83
WINGS (WHOLE)		TFTR		
WINGS (CUT)		TFTR		
DRUMSTICKS		TFTR		
B/S THIGHS		TFTR		

Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for January 7, 2013 – F.O.B. Dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
63.50-68.00	65.69	65.72

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 07-Jan-2013 TO 11-Jan-2013, Cents per Pound

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	126.00 - 161.00	134.00 - 139.00
TENDERLOINS	144.00 - 162.00	147.00 - 150.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	95.00 - 115.00	95.00 - 101.00
LEGS	65.00 - 69.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	46.00 - 61.00	47.00 - 50.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	49.00 - 62.00	51.00 - 54.00
DRUMSTICKS	46.00 - 62.00	-
THIGHS	66.00 - 83.00	-
B/S THIGHS	112.00 - 135.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	185.00 - 220.00	-
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	17.00 - 45.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 50.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	42.00 - 65.00	-

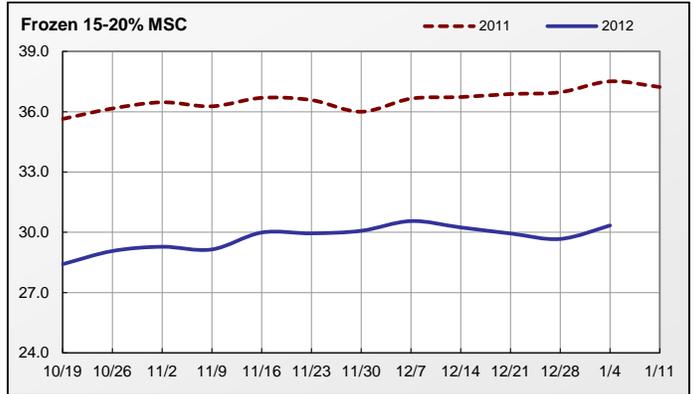
National Mechanically Separated Chicken

(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 for MSC are steady on all fat contents. Supplies are light to moderate. Schedules are seasonally reduced for the New Year's holiday this week. Domestic and export demand is light to moderate; however some have indicated renewed good interest following the holidays as many buyers come back online. Trucking continues to be an issue for many. New contracts have begun and gone smoothly for many this week and some next week at prices similar to and slightly lower than last year's levels in addition to 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.

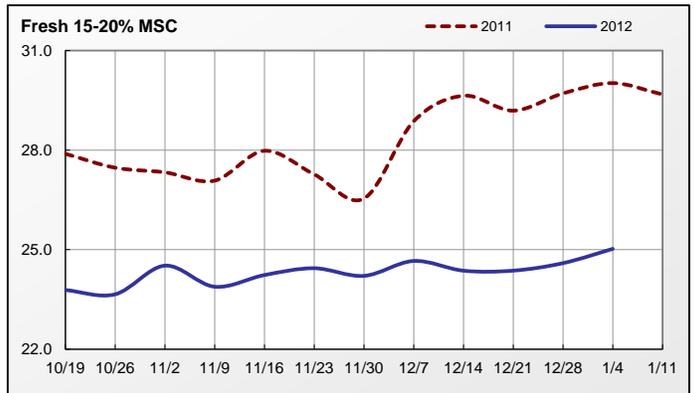
Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	4-Jan-13	Last Week	Last Year	4-Jan-13	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	-	-	-	24.00 - 26.00	24.00 - 26.00	32.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	25.14	25.00	32.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	143	163	184
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	28.00 - 32.00	28.00 - 32.00	35.50-40.00	22.00 - 27.00	18.00 - 27.00	27.00-34.00
Wtd Avg Price	30.34	29.67	37.51	25.03	24.59	30.02
Volume Traded	855	825	1,597	3,417	3,386	3,437
Volume Exported	815	825	1,517	530	163	530
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	20.00	22.00	22.50
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	20.00	22.00	22.50
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	41	82
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Dec 2012	Nov 2012	Dec 2011	Dec 2012	Nov 2012	Dec 2011
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	30.00	30.00	-	25.11	25.04	31.89
Volume Traded	40	40	-	449	938	714
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	30.20	29.74	36.64	24.50	24.24	28.89
Volume Traded	4,730	8,995	6,422	14,667	20,460	19,182
Volume Exported	4,370	7,875	5,542	1,836	2,447	5,183
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	21.43	22.10	22.59
Volume Traded	-	-	-	286	408	449
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

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