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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending at least steady in the East, steady to firm in the Midwest and West. Offerings are light to moderate for current trade needs with smaller sizes in the strongest position. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate entering the weekend. Floor stocks are closely balanced to short. Delays are noted on product, as well as possible shortages related to the severe winter weather that has passed through the country, especially through the central region. Market activity is slow to mostly moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for late week business. Prices are trending steady to firm for breast items and drums; steady to lower for tenders, weak to lower for wings with discounting noted. Offerings of breast cuts and drums are light to moderate and clearing well; wings and tenders are available and slow to clear. Market activity is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but mostly desirable.

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 100.50 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
754	97.00-106.43	100.39

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	188.00	1,510
BREASTS - B/S	168.50	6,222
BREASTS - WHOLE	108.00	1,210
THIGH MEAT - B/S	136.00	1,104
THIGHS	74.50	1,218
DRUMSTICKS	72.50	1,080
LEG QUARTERS	53.50	7,909
WINGS	178.50	3,260

USDA Weekly National Whole Broiler/Fryer Report (Fri)

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Monthly Composite Weighted Average	
This Week:	101.66	↑ 0.70	11,602	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Last Week:	100.96		10,773	Jan	101.48
Last Year:	90.50	↑ 11.16	12,640		58,174

Eastern Region

	THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg
Whole Body:	81.00 - 126.00	97.00 - 104.00	103.21	↑ 0.70	5,530	102.50
WOGS:	94.50 - 115.00	100.00 - 105.00	102.35	↑ 0.23	1,274	102.12
NEW YORK						
Whole Body:	94.50 - 108.00	101.00 - 106.00	102.61	↑ 0.25	1,406	102.36

Central Region

	THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg
Whole Body:	89.00 - 109.50	90.00 - 98.00	97.22	↑ 0.52	3,683	96.70
WOGS:	89.00 - 104.00	90.00 - 96.00	94.73	↑ 0.68	2,595	94.06
CHICAGO						
Whole Body:	89.00 - 108.25	90.00 - 98.00	96.72	↑ 0.24	1,920	96.48

Western Region

	THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg
Whole Body:	89.00 - 126.00	101.00 - 110.00	104.94	↑ 1.48	2,389	103.46
WOGS:	89.00 - 110.00	100.00 - 103.00	101.04	↑ 1.80	1,680	99.23
LOS ANGELES						
Whole Body:	89.00 - 126.00	100.00 - 110.00	104.16	↑ 1.60	1,694	102.56

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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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER 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.

Feb 21, 2013

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)	230	46.00-49.00	-	48.02
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	299	48.00-51.00	-	49.33
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 Feb 21, 2013 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
67.00 - 70.00	68.76

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 PARTS Prices are trending steady to mostly firm for breast cuts; weak to lower for tenders and wings. Other items are steady. Trucklot buying activity improved slightly under normal weekend demand but still noted as light to moderate overall. Offering of breast cuts are light to moderate and clearing well; wings and tenders are readily available and competitively priced. The balance of 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.

Feb 21, 2013

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS.
BREAST - B/S	160	141.66	1,043,480
TENDERLOINS	140	149.60	189,080
BREAST - WITH RIBS	104-105	117.98	56,656
BREAST - LINE RUN	104	105.85	78,490
LEGS	68-69	67.41	82,000
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	50.54	262,120
DRUMSTICKS	58-59	64.96	98,360
THIGHS	71-72	79.34	62,320
B/S THIGHS	128-129	131.98	113,200
WINGS (WHOLE)	174-175	180.24	280,760
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	5,422
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	58.33	12,610
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	80.00	17,880

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

*TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M. ** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES & BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

Feb 22, 2013

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	WEEKLY POUNDS (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S		TOO FEW TO REPORT			708	140.15
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			181	132.76
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT			128	101.76
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT			147	89.42
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	268	47.00-49.00	-	48.24	1,016	47.61
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	224	48.00-51.00	-	48.66	1,124	49.13
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			76	135.73
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			80	161.88
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			47	52.00
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			42	64.00
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	

Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for Feb 22, 2013 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
67.50 - 70.00	69.06	68.56

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS

	ESTIMATED (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WT		ACTUAL AVG WT	
	02/22	02/21	02/20	02/19	02/20	02/19	02/15	02/13
Alabama	3,749	3,982	3,484	3,625	5.81	5.82	3,935	5.75
Arkansas	4,259	4,136	4,756	4,879	5.53	5.65	3,320	5.56
Delmarva	2,058	2,064	1,887	2,066	6.45	6.16	1,960	6.39
Ky-LA-TN	2,393	2,394	2,500	2,461	5.11	5.26	2,331	5.41
Mississippi	2,521	2,746	2,748	2,794	6.18	6.21	2,768	6.13
North Carolina	2,655	2,848	2,759	2,817	7.47	7.61	3,032	7.62
Texas	2,326	2,377	2,303	2,364	5.83	5.86	2,353	5.71
Total	19,961	20,547	20,437	21,006	5.99	6.04	19,699	6.03
Mon-Friday	103,032 (A)				101,463 (A)			
Saturday	1,029 (included in total for date shown)				684			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 22-Feb-13 and 23-Feb-13 is estimated to be 29,864,000 head up 1.03 percent from a week ago and up 4.73 percent from a year ago. (Last week 29,560,000, last year 28,516,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 23-Feb-13 is estimated to be 154,147,000 head up 1.69 percent from a week ago, and up 2.81 percent from a year ago. (Last week 151,584,000, last year 149,930,000)

Actual data incorporated when available.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKET

LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL Prices are trending at least steady. Supplies are adequate for the light to moderate demand. Processing schedules are normal. Retail feature activity is moderate to good entering the weekend with majority of interest being in the Northeast and South Central regions. Finished product supplies are moderate and clearing satisfactorily. Market activity is mostly moderate.

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound. 10.0.0- 22.5 13.91
(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 light to moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are at least sufficient for current needs. Processing schedules are normal. Movement of finished product sales are clearing well. Market activity is moderate. The majority price for removal costs is unchanged at 0-7 cents per head.

(live 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.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(Preliminary)	Week ending 16-Feb-13				
	Thousands				
	(A) 4.25 lbs. & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs.	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs.	(D) 7.76 lbs. & up	Total
Head	40,194	54,272	30,374	26,744	151,584
Avg Live Wgt	3.71	5.46	6.71	8.53	5.79
% of total /1	27%	36%	20%	18%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	36,606	57,347	30,664	30,403	155,020
Avg Live Wgt	3.77	5.35	6.75	8.55	5.88
% of total /1	24%	37%	20%	20%	100%
Year Ago 2/	37,375	62,336	28,368	22,418	150,497
Avg Live Wgt	3.75	5.39	6.78	8.43	5.70
% of total /1	25%	41%	19%	15%	100%
To date/2013*	260,121	392,214	211,271	189,053	1,052,659
To date/2012*	239,608	450,780	195,542	154,420	1,040,350
% Change YTD	9%	-13%	8%	22%	1%

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.

WEEKLY POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(Preliminary)	Week ending 16-Feb-13				
	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	Thousands				
Head	151,584	1,310	1,433	2,743	446
Avg Wt	5.79	3.05	8.01	5.64	6.82
Last week	155,020	1,451	1,439	2,890	408
Same wk yr ago	150,497	1,574	1,615	3,189	401
Avg Wt	5.70	3.15	7.46	5.33	6.70
To-date/2013*	1,052,658	10,802	9,844	20,646	2,758
To-date/2012*	1,040,350	10,890	10,914	21,804	2,917
% Change YTD	1%	-1%	-10%	-5%	-5%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	667,030	2,118	7,690	9,808	2,160
Last week	692,753	2,476	7,752	10,228	1,955
Same wk yr ago	643,375	2,578	8,132	10,710	1,934
To-date/2013*	4,664,563	18,130	51,226	69,356	13,369
To-date/2012*	4,461,453	18,078	56,130	74,208	13,851
% Change YTD	5%	0%	-9%	-7%	-3%
Dressing %	76.0%	53.0%	67.0%		71.0%

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 153.4 million head, or 3.8 million less than estimated available.

(B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

EST. U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

Week Ending	Million Head Slaughtered	Million Head Available*	Pct	Avg Wt
01/12	160.8	146.7	110%	5.93
01/19	152.9	142.8	107%	5.68
01/26	151.6	150.0	101%	5.88
02/02	157.7	153.7	103%	5.81
02/09	156.9	153.6	102%	5.88
02/16	153.4	157.2	98%	5.79
Year to date	1065.5	1043.0	102%	
02/23		149.8		
03/02		153.7		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

EASTERN REGION MISC. POULTRY

For delivery the week of February 18, 2013

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 LBS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT & 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 AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS & UP, DELIVERED, CENTS/LB

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12/BOX)	87.00-109.25	90.00-104.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9/ BOX)	89.00-110.00	92.00-105.00

SQUABS: NY AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS/DOZ, 1-10 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 are steady. Demand is moderate to instances fairly good with supplies reported as moderate. Market activity remains moderate. Processing schedules are full-time. 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 FEBRUARY 18, 2013

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

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection (in thousands)

W/E	02/23/13	02/16/13	% chg	02/25/12	% chg
Broilers	154,147	151,584 ¹	+1.69	149,930 ¹	+2.81
Cattle	573	596	-04	587 ²	-02
Hogs	2,066	2,145	-04	2,124 ²	-03

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: FEBRUARY 19, 2013 - PRICES PAID PER LB., EXCEPT AS NOTED

	RANGE		RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.25 - 1.35 lbs.	Guinea Fowl	2.00 - 2.20 lbs.	Quail	.35 - .80 ea.
Hamsters	- .50 ea.	Pigeons	4.00 - 4.90 ea.	Broilers	.90 - 1.15 lbs.
Pekin Ducks	- 4.25 ea.	White Pigeons	6.75 - 8.00 ea.	Ducklings	1.00 - 1.10 ea.
Pullets 4-6LBS	- .90 lbs.	Rabbits 6-9LBS	1.90 - 2.10 lbs.	Pheasants	8.50 - 11.00 ea.
Red Fowl 5-6LBS	.75 - .95 lbs.	Rabbits 4-6LBS	1.85 - 2.20 lbs.	Goose Eggs	2.00 - 4.10 ea.
Red Fowl 4-5LBS	.60 - .80 lbs.	Leghorn Hens	- 1.10 ea.	Laying Pullets	5.00 - 7.00 ea.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11LBS	.80 - .90 lbs.	Bunnies	6.00 - 10.50 ea.	Fancy Bantams	8.00 - 10.00 ea.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6LBS	1.40 - 1.60 lbs.	Silkie	3.00 - 4.00 ea.	Fancy Pigeons	19.00 - 20.00 ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9LBS	1.00 - 1.20 lbs.	Goats	75.00 - 110.00 ea.	Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.20 - 1.40 lbs.
Banty Roosters	4.00 - 5.25 ea.	Turkeys	18.00 - 25.00 ea.		
Banty Hens	3.50 - 4.00 ea.	Call Ducks	- 6.00 ea.		
Guinea Pigs	1.00 - 6.00 ea.	Chicks	.15 - .25 ea.	Total Coops Sold	2312