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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending steady in the East, steady to firm in the Midwest and West. Offerings are light to moderate for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate following the weekend. Floor stocks are closely balanced to short. Market activity is moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Prices are trending steady to firm for breast items and drums; weak to lower for tenders, lower for wings with discounting noted. Offerings of breast cuts and drums are light to moderate and clearing well; wings and tenders are heavy 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

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 100.00 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
1,006	97.00-106.43	100.22

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	187.00	1,741
BREASTS - B/S	166.00	7,294
BREASTS - WHOLE	108.50	1,454
THIGH MEAT - B/S	136.00	1,231
THIGHS	74.50	1,327
DRUMSTICKS	72.50	1,357
LEG QUARTERS	54.50	9,374
WINGS	180.00	3,783

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:	88.00 - 126.00	98.00 - 109.00	103.46	↑ 0.78	2,445	102.69
WOGS:	88.00 - 110.00	98.00 - 102.00	99.23	↑ 0.58	1,713	98.66
LOS ANGELES						
Whole Body:	88.00 - 126.00	98.00 - 109.00	102.56	↑ 0.75	1,775	101.81

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 for bone-in breast and drums; steady to firm for boneless skinless breast and weak for tenders and wings. Trucklot buying activity is light to moderate as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Offering of breast cuts and drums are light to moderate and moving well; wings and tenders are available and slow to clear. 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

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS.
BREAST - B/S		160	141.65	758,800
TENDERLOINS		135-140	143.20	115,400
BREAST - WITH RIBS		105-106	118.35	53,135
BREAST - LINE RUN		104	106.89	73,660
LEGS		68-69	69.84	54,200
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		47-48	48.53	389,869
DRUMSTICKS		59-60	61.72	121,800
THIGHS		71-72	79.74	98,840
B/S THIGHS		128-129	131.86	64,800
WINGS (WHOLE)		173-174	174.29	214,240
BACKS & NECKS (STRIPPED)		16-18	18.00	4,480
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		55-60	59.09	4,590
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		75-80	79.85	9,480

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
	02/25	02/21	02/21	02/18	02/14
Alabama	3,643	3,582	5.68	3,436	5.62
Arkansas	4,863	3,089	5.78	4,589	5.68
Delmarva	2,089	2,002	6.14	1,779	6.13
Ky-LA-TN	2,486	2,413	5.04	2,400	5.10
Mississippi	2,809	2,829	6.06	2,742	6.11
North Carolina	2,819	2,783	7.40	2,817	7.41
Texas	2,403	2,348	5.77	2,069	5.73
Total	21,112	19,046	5.98	19,832	5.95
Mon	21,112(A)			19,832(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 25-Feb-13 is estimated to be 31,586,000 up 6.14 percent from a week ago and up 6.3 percent from a year ago. (last week 29,760,000 last year 29,726,000)

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 FEB 25, 2013 -- F.O.B. DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
68.00 - 70.00	69.02	68.65

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 25-FEB-13 TO 01-MAR-13, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	130.00 - 163.00	135.00 - 143.00
TENDERLOINS	138.00 - 160.00	138.00 - 147.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	104.00 - 121.00	104.00 - 115.00
LEGS	58.00 - 69.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	46.00 - 61.00	47.00 - 51.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	50.00 - 62.00	51.00 - 54.00
DRUMSTICKS	46.00 - 61.00	-
THIGHS	64.00 - 83.00	-
B/S THIGHS	121.00 - 135.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	163.00 - 184.00	-
BACKS & NECKS (STRIPPED)	17.00 - 45.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 50.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	42.00 - 65.00	-

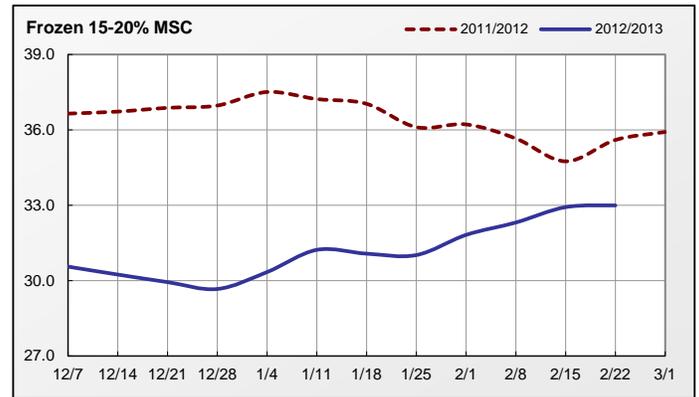
National Mechanically Separated Chicken

(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 to firm on all fat contents with Fresh 15-20% MSC in the best position. Supplies are light to moderate. Schedules are in disruptions related to severe weather across the country. Demand is mixed ranging light to instances good into domestic and export channels. In traditional attitude during this Lenten season, closely monitoring the spot marketplace. Sellers remain out front with sales of MSC. Market activity materials are light and sought after. Frames are firm trading mostly between 14-15 cents FOB.

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	22-Feb-13	Last Week	Last Year	22-Feb-13	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	30.00	-	-	26.00 - 28.00	26.00 - 28.00	26.00-27.00
Wtd Avg Price	30.00	-	-	26.80	27.33	26.67
Volume Traded	40	-	-	102	184	122
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	31.00 - 35.00	31.00 - 35.00	30.00-38.00	24.00 - 31.00	24.00 - 29.00	20.00-30.00
Wtd Avg Price	32.99	32.93	35.60	27.35	26.72	24.48
Volume Traded	1,875	1,617	1,460	3,815	4,488	4,906
Volume Exported	1,675	1,417	1,340	775	571	1,020
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		
	Jan 2013	Dec 2012	Jan 2012	Jan 2013	Dec 2012	Jan 2012
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	30.00	30.00	-	25.13	25.11	31.81
Volume Traded	80	40	-	653	449	734
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	30.97	30.20	37.00	25.48	24.50	28.51
Volume Traded	4,923	4,730	6,795	17,411	14,667	14,390
Volume Exported	4,563	4,370	6,195	5,834	1,836	1,306
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	20.00	21.43	22.36
Volume Traded	-	-	-	204	286	286
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

