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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending firm to higher in the East, steady to firm in the West and Midwest. Offerings are light to moderate and clearing satisfactorily. Retail and food service demand is light to at times good, mostly light to moderate for mid-week business. Buyers continue to purchase for immediate needs keeping floor stocks closely balanced to short. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate. Prices are trending steady to weak on tenders and wings, steady to firm for breast items. Offerings of breast cuts and drums are light to moderate and clearing well; wings and tenders are moderate to mostly heavy with light movement. Market activity is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK The quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 cents to **100.75** cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 91.75 cents last year on February 29, 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	182.50
BREASTS - B/S	163.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	109.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	136.50
THIGHS	72.50
DRUMSTICKS	64.50
LEG QUARTERS	54.00
WINGS	181.00

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

NATIONAL FOWL MARKET

Ready-to-Cook

Midwest Region Negotiated Prices to First Receivers

(cents/lb. delivered to first receivers; U.S. Grade A and Plant Grade)

		Price Range
Hens	Ice Packed (12 per Box)	80.0 - 86.0
	Vacuum Packed (6-9 per Box)	85.0 - 90.0

Midwest region = IL, IN, MI, MO, OH, and WI

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

Under Federal Inspection for Week Ending 23-Feb-13

Class	Price Range	
	CW: 02/23/13(1)	PW: 02/16/13
	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	155,694(2)	156,508
Light hens	1,461	1,675
Heavy hens	1,293	1,235
Total	158,448	159,418

(1)Estimated

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 02-Mar-13 is 155.4 million head compared to 153.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 156.0 million head or 0.6 million more than estimated available. For the week of 09-Mar-13 the estimated available is 153.9 million head.

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 06-Apr-13 is estimated at 150.6 million head. This compares to 149.4 million head the previous week and to 152.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 151.6 million head and the national weighted average price was 86.92 cents per pound.

BROILER HATCHERY

Week Ending 02/23/13

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 199 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 23, 2013. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

19 Selected States Total (1,000 eggs)

	2013	2012	% PY
Eggs Set	199,497	195,225	+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

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending February 22, 2013

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	111.87	178.14	106.89	35.63	10.69	121.14
High	114.01	192.40	117.58	42.75	14.25	121.14
Mostly	114.01	188.83	114.01	35.63	10.69	121.14
SAN JUAN						
Low	110.45	178.14	106.89	35.63	10.69	121.14
High	112.23	188.83	114.01	42.75	14.25	121.14
Mostly	112.23	185.27	110.45	35.63	10.69	121.14
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	113.30	178.14	106.89	35.63	14.25	124.70
High	115.79	195.96	121.14	46.32	17.81	124.70
Mostly	114.01	192.40	117.58	42.75	16.03	124.70
BECERRA						
Low	114.01	178.14	106.89	39.19	14.25	124.70
High	116.51	199.52	121.14	53.44	17.81	124.70
Mostly	114.01	195.96	117.58	49.88	16.03	124.70

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers

(INC. GOV'T STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed other Poultry LBS
AM 02/25/13	134,870	58,011
AM 02/01/13	121,849	75,600
CHG	13021	-17589
PCT CHG	11%	-23%

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT - (in thousands)

	Processed Turkeys			Processed other Poultry		
	02/25/13	02/18/13	02/27/12	02/25/13	02/18/13	02/27/12
PACIFIC COAST ANGELES	308	298	210	2,008	1,347	1,177
LOS ANGELES	82	87	139	1,204	521	594

FEB 26

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

FEB 27

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	ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S		TOO FEW TO REPORT			BREAST - B/S		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT			BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT			FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	210	47.00-49.00	-	47.79	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	230	47.00-49.00	-	48.25
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	277	48.00-51.00	-	49.30	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	349	48.00-51.00	-	49.28
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S 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	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
67.50 - 70.00	68.65	66.50 - 70.00	68.69	68.83

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 steady to firm for breast cuts; steady for wings and steady to weak for tenders. Trucklot buying activity is light to moderate for mid-week trading. Offering of breast cuts and drums are light to moderate and moving well; wings are fully sufficient and tenders are moderate to heavy for current needs. The balance of items are adequate. Movement is moderate.

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

FEB 26	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	FEB 27	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	160	142.09	1,291,280	BREAST - B/S	160	143.98	619,400
TENDERLOINS	135-140	144.44	235,280	TENDERLOINS	135-140	139.44	184,640
BREAST - WITH RIBS	105-106	120.65	56,653	BREAST - WITH RIBS	105-106	119.07	53,339
BREAST - LINE RUN	104	107.22	74,305	BREAST - LINE RUN	104	105.54	117,317
LEGS	68-69	69.46	93,480	LEGS	68-69	65.01	133,160
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	49.12	417,815	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	50.77	176,978
DRUMSTICKS	59-60	63.58	107,760	DRUMSTICKS	59-60	60.63	129,653
THIGHS	71-72	82.04	50,080	THIGHS	71-72	79.08	52,120
B/S THIGHS	128-129	131.77	119,920	B/S THIGHS	128-129	131.28	87,760
WINGS (WHOLE)	173-174	171.87	263,240	WINGS (WHOLE)	173-174	172.89	195,040
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	4,021	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	3,920
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	57.90	16,210	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	59.33	2,450
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	79.70	19,280	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	79.19	21,160

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.

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 02/26/13

All Papers Required To Sell All Out of State Poultry

	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	.60	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	.75	9.50 2.20
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	- - -
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	- - -
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	3.50	6.00 4.37
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	- - -
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	- - -
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	- - -
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.90	1.60 1.18
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	- - -
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	3.00	11.00 5.41
ROOSTERS lb.	-	1.00	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	3.00 -
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	- - -
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	2	5.00 45.00 35.83
DUCKS lb.	1.00	1.50	1.28	DUCKS ea.	-	2.75 -
RABBITS lb.	1.00	2.10	1.67	RABBITS ea.	-	- - -
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	3.25	10.00 4.65
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	- - -
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	- - -
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	- - -
SILKIES ea.	-	3.00	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	- - -
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	- - -
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-	PEACOCKS ea.	-	- - -
PARTRIDGES ea.	-	-	-	COCKATIELS ea.	-	- - -
DOVES ea.	-	-	-	PHEASANTS ea.	-	9.50 -
QUAIL ea.	-	-	-	FERRETS ea.	-	- - -
CHINCHILAS ea.	-	-	-	MICE ea.	-	- - -
PEAFOWL ea.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL EGGS(doiz)	-	- - -
QUAIL EGGS ea.	-	-	-	QUAIL EGGS ea.	-	- - -
EMU ea.	-	-	-	HAMPSTERS ea.	-	- - -
TOTAL PIECES SOLD	157					

DAILY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)		(1,000)	
Alabama	3,687	3,616	3,411	3,534	5.71	6.12	3,484 5.67
Arkansas	4,874	4,928	4,853	4,678	5.71	5.51	4,756 5.76
Delmarva	1,945	2,076	2,035	1,970	6.35	6.07	1,887 6.09
KY-LA-TN	2,458	2,478	2,455	2,321	5.34	5.02	2,500 5.31
Mississippi	2,753	2,711	2,779	2,475	6.25	5.77	2,748 6.25
North Carolina	2,832	2,842	2,752	2,660	7.43	7.45	2,759 7.57
Texas	2,389	2,428	2,103	2,165	5.69	5.65	2,303 5.68
Total	20,938	21,079	20,388	19,803	6.03	5.93	20,437 6.04
Mon-Wed	63,129	(A)					61,275 (A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 27-Feb-13 is estimated to be 31,326,000 head up 2.15 percent from a week ago and up 6.34 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,668,000, last year 29,459,000)