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NATIONAL BROILER Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending firm to higher. Offerings are light to balanced for trade needs. Retail and food service demand is mixed, mostly moderate, with slight optimism due to upcoming retail ads. Floor stocks are closely balanced to short as buyers keep purchases limited. Market activity for whole birds is moderate to active. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate. Prices are at least steady for breast cuts, steady to weak for wings and tenders, and steady for all others. Supplies of wings and tenders are moderate to heavy, breast cuts and dark meat items are light to moderate. Market activity for parts is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed but mostly desirable weights.

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES

Wed - 100.75 Fri Preliminary Wtd Avg - 100.53

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

Item	Wtd Avg (cents/lb)	Volume (000 lbs)
Line Run Tenders	187.00	1,428
Breasts - B/S	168.50	6,031
Breasts - Whole	109.00	1,155
Thigh Meat - B/S	136.50	1,072
Thighs	74.50	1,190
Drumsticks	73.00	1,053
Leg Quarters	53.50	7,676
Wings	178.00	3,137

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

	THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg 1,000 lbs.
CHICAGO						
Whole Body:	91.00 - 112.25	97.00 - 103.00	101.13	↑ 4.41	1,476	96.72 1,920

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.

WEEKLY NATIONAL FROZEN WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS

Weighted Average Prices, cents per pound, FOB Shipper Dock Basis - Week Ending March 01, 2013

FROZEN Whole Body Turkeys - commodity pack or equivalent; minimum 10,000 lb. lots; current negotiation for delivery within two weeks.

U.S. Grade A - FROZEN	Current Week		Last Week		Last Year		February Averages		
	wtd avg (cents/lb.)	volume (000 lbs.)	wtd avg (cents/lb.)	volume (000 lbs.)	wtd avg (cents/lb.)	volume (000 lbs.)	This Month	Last Month	Last Year
8-16 lb. (Hens)	94.50	10	92.65	205	101.52	820	95.00	96.27	100.15
16-24 lb. (Toms)	95.91	34	92.75	209	101.44	919	95.30	96.27	100.17

† based on offers.

SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Week Ending 23-Feb-2013 (Preliminary)

	Live Poultry		Live Turkeys	
	Young Chickens	Young Hens	Young Hens	Young Toms
	---thousands---			
Head	151,588	1,654	1,654	2,508
Avg Wt	5.90	17.10	17.10	40.81
Last week	151,584	1,729	1,729	2,588
Same wk yr ago	149,930	1,792	1,792	2,605
Avg Wt	5.64	17.07	17.07	41.20
To-date/2013*	1,204,246	13,252	13,252	19,764
To-date/2012*	1,190,280	13,500	13,500	19,578
% Change YTD	1%	-2%	-2%	1%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage				
Current week	679,721	22,627	22,627	81,881
Last week	667,030	23,639	23,639	81,532
Same wk yr ago	634,204	24,473	24,473	85,860
To-date/2013*	5,344,284	180,473	180,473	647,098
To-date/2012*	5,095,657	183,070	183,070	653,140
% Change YTD	5%	-1%	-1%	-1%

Dressing % 76.0% 80.0% 80.0%

(A) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

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

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection for Week Ending 02-Mar-13

	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	155,694	156,508

FRESH BEEF CUTS

FOB Negotiated Price Range Wtd Avg

112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	549.00	610.00	560.02
168 3 Round, top inside round	203.00	220.00	209.43
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	455.00	508.00	475.42
Ground Beef 81%	195.00	206.89	199.64

Source: USDA/AMS, Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News