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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

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 F.O.B. DOCK WHOLE BIRD PRICES

The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 100.75 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**
748 97.23-106.87

100.53

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	1,428
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

USDA Weekly National Whole Broiler/Fryer Report (Fri)

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Monthly Composite Weighted Average	
				Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	104.52	↑ 2.85	10,928	Feb 101.80	45,653
Last Week:	101.66		11,602		
Last Year:	92.27	↑ 12.25	12,640		

Eastern Region

	THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg 1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	79.00 - 126.00	102.00 - 109.00	104.98	↑ 1.77	5,615	103.21 5,530
WOGS:	94.00 - 123.00	104.00 - 108.00	104.28	↑ 1.93	1,548	102.35 1,274
NEW YORK						
Whole Body:	94.75 - 111.00	104.00 - 110.00	105.59	↑ 2.98	1,403	102.61 1,406

Central Region

	THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg 1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	88.00 - 112.25	95.00 - 103.00	100.56	↑ 3.34	3,075	97.22 3,683
WOGS:	88.00 - 110.00	97.00 - 103.00	98.89	↑ 4.16	2,151	94.73 2,595
CHICAGO						
Whole Body:	91.00 - 112.25	97.00 - 103.00	101.13	↑ 4.41	1,476	96.72 1,920

Western Region

	THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg 1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	100.00 - 126.00	105.00 - 110.00	108.78	↑ 3.84	2,238	104.94 2,389
WOGS:	100.00 - 112.00	105.00 - 107.00	106.24	↑ 5.21	1,482	101.04 1,680
LOS ANGELES						
Whole Body:	100.00 - 126.00	106.00 - 110.00	108.62	↑ 4.46	1,589	104.16 1,694

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 28, 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)	180	47.00-49.00	-	48.03
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	267	48.00-51.00	-	49.69
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 28, 2013 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
67.50 - 70.00	68.77

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 firm for breast cuts and mostly steady for the balance of items. Trucklot buying activity improved slightly under normal weekend demand and is noted as moderate overall. Offering of breast cuts are light to moderate and clearing satisfactorily; other items are generally sufficient for current needs. Movement is moderate.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

Feb 28, 2013

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS.
BREAST - B/S	160	142.17	879,240
TENDERLOINS	135-140	144.48	187,560
BREAST - WITH RIBS	105-106	120.03	52,323
BREAST - LINE RUN	104	107.23	82,793
LEGS	68-69	66.47	134,760
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	50.57	253,960
DRUMSTICKS	59-60	64.70	61,000
THIGHS	71-72	76.31	50,200
B/S THIGHS	128-129	131.12	93,880
WINGS (WHOLE)	173-174	173.21	297,360
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	4,520
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	58.46	9,850
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	80.58	20,600

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.

Mar 1, 2013

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	WEEKLY POUNDS (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S		TOO FEW TO REPORT			615	145.61
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			740	127.24
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT			220	89.43
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	200	48.00-49.00	-	48.63	1,035	48.25
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	229	49.00-51.00	-	49.73	1,371	49.39
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			85	134.71
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			71	158.70
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			48	52.00
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			57	63.73
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			62	123.63

 Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading Mar 1, 2013 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
67.50 - 70.50	69.07	68.83

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS

	ESTIMATED (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WT	ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WT
	03/01	02/28	02/27	02/26		02/27	02/26	
Alabama	3,785	3,725	3,373	3,442	5.84	5.56	3,534	5.81
Arkansas	3,517	4,825	4,725	4,748	5.60	5.69	4,678	5.53
Delmarva	1,981	1,871	1,879	2,019	6.17	6.12	1,970	6.45
Ky-LA-TN	2,638	2,431	2,398	2,464	5.30	5.32	2,321	5.11
Mississippi	2,671	2,835	2,744	2,830	6.15	6.13	2,475	6.18
North Carolina	2,915	2,788	2,807	2,788	7.40	7.47	2,660	7.47
Texas	2,367	2,384	2,381	2,319	5.76	5.88	2,165	5.83
Total	19,874	20,859	20,307	20,610	6.00	5.99	19,803	5.99
Mon-Friday	103,862 (A)					100,124 (A)		
Saturday	497 (included in total for date shown)					1,487		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 01-Mar-13 and 02-Mar-13 is estimated to be 29,734,000 head up 0.06 percent from a week ago and down 0.89 percent from a year ago. (Last week 29,716,000, last year 30,003,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 02-Mar-13 is estimated to be 155,389,000 head up 2.51 percent from a week ago, and up 2.44 percent from a year ago. (Last week 151,588,000, last year 151,684,000)

Actual data incorporated when available.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKET

LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL Prices are trending at least steady. Supplies are sufficient for the moderate demand. Processing schedules are normal to less than normal. Retail feature activity is light entering the weekend with majority of interest being in the Southeast 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 - 22.5 13.93
 (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 no better than steady for the light to moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are at least sufficient for current needs. Processing schedules are normal to less than 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

Week ending 23-Feb-13

(Preliminary)	-----Thousands-----				Total
	(A) 4.25 lbs. & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs.	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs.	(D) 7.76 lbs. & up	
Head	40,056	48,487	33,451	29,593	151,587
Avg Live Wgt	3.84	5.46	6.71	8.49	5.90
% of total /1	26%	32%	22%	20%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/	40,156	63,539	22,720	23,515	149,930
Avg Live Wgt	3.78	5.40	6.74	8.41	5.64
% of total /1	27%	42%	15%	16%	100%
To date/2013*	300,177	440,701	244,722	218,646	1,204,246
To date/2012*	279,764	514,319	218,262	177,935	1,190,280
% Change YTD	7%	-14%	12%	23%	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 23-Feb-13

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	151,588	1,495	1,171	2,666	313
Avg Wt	5.90	3.37	7.35	5.12	6.41
Last week	151,584	1,310	1,433	2,743	446
Same wk yr ago	149,930	1,302	1,457	2,759	454
Avg Wt	5.64	3.23	7.83	5.66	6.86
To-date/2013*	1,204,246	12,297	11,015	23,312	3,071
To-date/2012*	1,190,280	12,192	12,371	24,563	3,371
% Change YTD	1%	1%	-11%	-5%	-9%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	679,721	2,670	5,767	8,437	1,424
Last week	667,030	2,118	7,690	9,808	2,160
Same wk yr ago	634,204	2,187	7,701	9,888	2,242
To-date/2013*	5,344,284	20,800	56,993	77,793	14,793
To-date/2012*	5,095,657	20,265	63,831	84,096	16,093
% Change YTD	5%	3%	-11%	-7%	-8%

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 149.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 153.4 million head, or 3.6 million more 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
01/19	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
02/23	153.4	149.8	102%	5.90
Year to date	1218.9	1192.8	102%	
03/02		153.7		
03/09		154.1		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection (in thousands)

W/E	03/2/13	02/23/13	% chg	03/3/12	% chg
Broilers	155,389	151,588 ¹	+2.51	151,684 ¹	+2.44
Cattle	563	573	-02	620 ²	-09
Hogs	2,168	2,066	+05	2,153 ²	+01

¹ Actual data incorporated when available.² Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.**EASTERN REGION MISC. POULTRY**

Delivery week of February 25, 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 & Plant Grade, 5 Lbs. & Up, Delivered, Cents/Lb.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12/BOX)	89.00-111.25	92.00-106.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9/ BOX)	91.00-112.00	94.00-107.00

SQUABS:

NY Area Wholesale Prices, Frozen, Plant Grade, Dollars/Dozen, 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 This week, prices remain steady. Demand is moderate. Supplies are mostly moderate to instances light. Market activity is moderate. Processing schedules are full-time to extended. 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 25, 2013

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

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION

All Papers Required To Sell All Out Of State Poultry

Date of Auction: February 26, 2013 Prices Paid Per Lb., Except As Noted

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.20 - 1.30 ea.
Rats	- 1.00 ea.
Pekin Ducks	5.00 - 5.50 ea.
Pullets 4-6LBS	.90 - 1.00 lbs.
Red Fowl 5-6LBS	.70 - .80 lbs.
Red Fowl 4-5LBS	.60 - .65 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11LBS	.80 - 1.00 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6LBS	1.40 - 1.60 lbs.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9LBS	.75 - .85 lbs.
Banty Roosters	5.00 - 8.00 ea.
Banty Hens	4.00 - 7.00 ea.
Guinea Pigs	3.00 - 7.50 ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.25 - 1.40 lbs.
Geese 9-14LBS	1.20 - 1.30 lbs.
Pigeons	3.90 - 4.20 ea.
White Pigeons	7.50 - 9.00 ea.
Rabbits 6-9LBS	2.00 - 2.10 lbs.
Rabbits 4-6LBS	2.20 - 2.60 lbs.
Bunnies	8.50 - 19.50 ea.
Silkie	3.00 - 4.00 ea.
Goats	110.00 - 120.00 ea.
Turkeys	20.00 - 27.00 ea.
Call Ducks	4.00 - 8.00 ea.
Chicks	1.00 - 1.10 ea.
Quail	- 1.30 ea.
Broilers	.90 - 1.05 lbs.
Ducklings	2.00 - 2.50 ea.
Finch	- 3.00 ea.
Pheasants	20.00 - 25.00 ea.
Goose Eggs	4.00 - 5.00 ea.
Laying Pullets	- 26.50 ea.
Fancy Bantams	8.00 - 9.00 ea.
Fancy Pigeons	8.00 - 10.00 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.20 - 1.30 lbs.

Total Coops Sold 2655