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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending steady in the West, firm to higher in the Midwest and East. Offerings are light to balanced for trade needs. Retail and food service demand is mixed, mostly moderate following the weekend. 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, firm to higher for leg quarters 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.

The Composite Weighted Average price for 03/04/13 is 101.66 compared to 100.96 a week earlier, and 90.50 a year ago.

NATIONAL COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE

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

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES 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.

LOADS **RANGE** **MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG**
1,007 94.97-106.87 100.68
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed FINAL weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	186.00		1,705
BREASTS - B/S	166.00		7,258
BREASTS - WHOLE	109.50		1,418
THIGH MEAT - B/S	136.50		1,231
THIGHS	74.50		1,327
DRUMSTICKS	73.00		1,357
LEG QUARTERS	54.00		9,374
WINGS	179.50		3,783

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

NATIONAL WHOLE BROILER FRYER

EATERN 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							
	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							
	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

EXPLANATORY NOTES

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.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Prices are trending firm to higher for leg quarters; steady to firm for breast cuts and steady for the balance of items. Trucklot buying activity is moderate as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Offering of breast cuts, legs and leg quarters are light to moderate and moving well; other items are 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

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS.
BREAST - B/S	160	143.31	747,160
TENDERLOINS	135-140	140.90	128,680
BREAST - WITH RIBS	105-106	119.68	40,161
BREAST - LINE RUN	104	106.72	73,400
LEGS	68-69	67.90	184,680
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	48-49	48.69	427,282
DRUMSTICKS	59-60	61.50	173,784
THIGHS	71-72	71.85	44,120
B/S THIGHS	128-129	130.50	69,800
WINGS (WHOLE)	173-174	176.61	216,200
BACKS & NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	7,840
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	60.00	1,620
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	80.84	14,520

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
	03/04	02/28	02/28	02/25	02/21
Alabama	3,628	3,523	5.69	3,411	5.68
Arkansas	4,873	4,568	5.38	4,853	5.78
Delmarva	2,066	1,808	5.97	2,035	6.14
Ky-LA-TN	2,429	2,356	5.11	2,455	5.04
Mississippi	2,802	2,777	6.05	2,779	6.06
North Carolina	2,870	2,763	7.40	2,752	7.40
Texas	2,444	2,384	5.78	2,103	5.77
Total	21,112	20,179	5.87	20,388	5.98
Mon	21,112(A)			20,388(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 04-Mar-13 is estimated to be 31,586,000 up 3.24 percent from a week ago and up 2.2 percent from a year ago. (last week 30,594,000 last year 30,907,000)

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)	290	47.00-50.00	-	48.24
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	184	50.00-52.00	-	50.72
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 MAR 4, 2013 -- F.O.B. DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
67.50 - 70.50	68.87	68.81

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 04-MAR-13 TO 08-MAR-13, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	135.00 - 163.00	135.00 - 143.00
TENDERLOINS	138.00 - 161.00	138.00 - 145.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	105.00 - 121.00	105.00 - 115.00
LEGS	65.00 - 69.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	48.00 - 64.00	49.00 - 51.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	51.00 - 62.00	51.00 - 53.00
DRUMSTICKS	46.00 - 61.00	-
THIGHS	66.00 - 83.00	-
B/S THIGHS	121.00 - 135.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	165.00 - 182.00	-
BACKS & NECKS (STRIPPED)	17.00 - 45.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 50.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	42.00 - 60.00	-

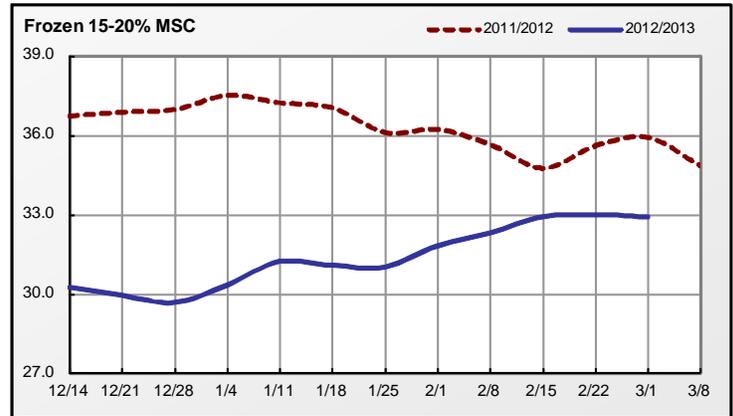
NATIONAL MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

(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.)

MSC prices are trending steady to firm on all fat contents with Fresh 15-20% MSC in the best position. Supplies are light to moderate. Schedules are mostly normal with a few disruptions and reductions noted. Demand is mixed, ranging light to good into both domestic and export channels. Industry remains cautious and ever watchful of the interesting dynamics in the current Lenten marketplace. Most sellers continue to stay out front on spot sales of MSC. Market activity is moderate to active. Supplies of raw 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		
	1-Mar-13	Last Week	Last Year	1-Mar-13	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range		30.00	-	27.00 - 29.00	26.00 - 28.00	26.00-27.00
Wtd Avg Price		30.00	-	28.00	26.80	26.71
Volume Traded	-	40	-	82	102	143
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	31.00 - 35.00	31.00 - 35.00	34.00-38.00	24.50 - 31.00	24.00 - 31.00	22.00-30.00
Wtd Avg Price	32.91	32.99	35.92	27.67	27.35	25.31
Volume Traded	1,265	1,875	1,685	3,896	3,815	3,835
Volume Exported	1,265	1,675	1,605	449	775	816
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	22.50
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	22.50
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	41	82
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Feb 2013	Jan 2013	Feb 2012	Feb 2013	Jan 2013	Feb 2012
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	30.00	30.00	-	26.43	25.13	27.56
Volume Traded	40	80	-	714	653	653
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	32.59	30.97	35.46	26.70	25.48	24.33
Volume Traded	5,957	4,923	7,800	17,289	17,411	15,773
Volume Exported	5,357	4,563	6,839	2,815	5,834	2,693
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.00	20.00	22.38
Volume Traded	-	-	-	245	204	163
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

Source: USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry & Grain Market News (www.ams.usda.gov/lpsmarketnewspage)

