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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending steady to no better than steady in the East, steady to firm in the Midwest and firm in the West. Offerings are light to moderate for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate entering the weekend. Floor stocks are balanced to short as buyers limit orders to immediate needs. Market activity for whole birds is slow to active, mostly moderate. In the parts structure, movement improved slightly under normal weekend and is noted as moderate overall. Prices are trending steady to firm for breast cuts, tenders, and dark meat items; steady for the balance of items. Offerings of breast cuts and legs are in good balance and clearing well; wings are at least sufficient and tenders 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 101.50 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**  
793                              98.19-107.63

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	1,437
BREASTS - B/S	170.50	6,149
BREASTS - WHOLE	109.50	1,138
THIGH MEAT - B/S	137.50	1,045
THIGHS	72.00	1,218
DRUMSTICKS	72.50	1,079
LEG QUARTERS	54.50	7,909
WINGS	177.00	3,211

## USDA Weekly National Whole Broiler/Fryer Report (Fri)

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Monthly Composite Weighted Average	
				Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
<b>This Week:</b>	107.78	↓ 0.03	12,117	Feb 101.80	45,653
<b>Last Week:</b>	107.82		11,559		
<b>Last Year:</b>	94.08	↑ 13.70	12,760		

### Eastern Region

	THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg
Whole Body:	88.00 - 131.00	104.00 - 111.00	108.84	↓ 0.85	5,646	109.69
WOGS:	95.50 - 124.00	108.00 - 112.00	109.61	↑ 0.23	1,545	109.39
<b>NEW YORK</b>						
Whole Body:	95.50 - 115.00	108.00 - 113.00	109.90	↓ 0.03	1,618	109.93

### Central Region

	THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg
Whole Body:	95.00 - 118.00	98.00 - 106.00	103.66	↑ 0.99	3,780	102.68
WOGS:	95.00 - 115.00	99.00 - 105.00	101.55	↑ 0.09	2,840	101.46
<b>CHICAGO</b>						
Whole Body:	95.00 - 118.00	99.00 - 107.00	104.18	↑ 0.46	2,120	103.72

### Western Region

	THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg
Whole Body:	98.00 - 132.00	109.00 - 113.00	111.36	↑ 0.59	2,690	110.76
WOGS:	98.00 - 117.00	109.00 - 113.00	109.35	↑ 0.25	1,982	109.10
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>						
Whole Body:	98.00 - 132.00	109.00 - 113.00	110.59	↑ 0.23	2,000	110.36

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.

Mar 14, 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)		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		

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 Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for Mar 14, 2013 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
67.50 - 70.50	69.64

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.

Mar 15, 2013

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	WEEKLY POUNDS (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S		TOO FEW TO REPORT			450	150.42
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			345	132.09
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT			238	89.64
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	275	48.00-50.00	-	48.66	1,130	48.58
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	224	50.00-53.00	-	51.44	1,049	50.44
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			105	146.14
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			48	49.41
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			62	123.95

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 Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading Mar 15, 2013 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
68.00 - 70.50	69.27	69.17

**NORTHEAST BROILER PARTS** Prices are trending steady to firm for breast cuts, tenders, legs and leg quarters; 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 and leg items are in good balance and clearing satisfactorily; tenders are light to moderate and wings are at least 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.

Mar 14, 2013

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS.
BREAST - B/S	160-165	145.57	985,280
TENDERLOINS	140	143.14	182,200
BREAST - WITH RIBS	105-106	120.51	45,285
BREAST - LINE RUN	105	106.45	116,187
LEGS	68-69	66.02	128,400
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	49-50	51.99	334,520
DRUMSTICKS	59-60	62.76	135,013
THIGHS	71-72	80.79	69,360
B/S THIGHS	130-131	131.58	113,880
WINGS (WHOLE)	175-176	173.65	250,880
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	6,500
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	59.15	10,070
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	80.68	16,320

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 15, 2013

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS.	WEEKLY WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS.
BREAST - B/S	165	145.88	817,880	145.48	4,305,760
TENDERLOINS	140	143.13	232,520	142.42	974,600
BREAST - WITH RIBS	105-106	119.59	41,215	120.86	238,002
BREAST - LINE RUN	105	105.16	116,597	106.12	541,502
LEGS	69-70	68.71	84,960	66.85	625,120
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	50-51	53.43	291,996	51.79	1,446,312
DRUMSTICKS	59-60	64.36	132,483	63.69	634,309
THIGHS	71-72	84.22	64,000	82.90	257,440
B/S THIGHS	130-131	133.66	75,480	132.10	424,240
WINGS (WHOLE)	175-176	175.56	213,160	173.70	1,255,240
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	7,000	18.00	37,840
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	55.00	15,750	56.48	60,460
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	79.11	21,480	79.75	101,520

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS**

	ESTIMATED (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WT		ACTUAL AVG WT	
	03/15	03/14	03/13	03/12	03/13	03/12	03/08	03/06
Alabama	3,886	3,645	3,558	3,634	5.75	5.79	3,758	5.87
Arkansas	3,714	4,583	4,878	4,680	5.47	5.69	3,482	5.66
Delmarva	2,046	2,043	1,846	2,071	6.29	6.20	1,972	6.16
Ky-LA-TN	2,345	2,293	2,370	2,363	5.13	5.21	2,696	5.19
Mississippi	2,458	2,622	2,674	2,686	6.24	6.07	2,858	6.14
North Carolina	2,589	2,865	2,820	2,848	7.54	7.60	2,566	7.50
Texas	2,902	2,420	2,031	2,347	5.52	5.83	2,131	5.76
Total	19,940	20,471	20,177	20,629	5.95	6.03	19,463	6.02
Mon-Friday	101,396 (A)				102,082 (A)			
Saturday	1,453 (included in total for date shown)				1,119			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 15-Mar-13 and 16-Mar-13 is estimated to be 29,832,000 head up 2.14 percent from a week ago and down 0.83 percent from a year ago. (Last week 29,206,000, last year 30,083,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 16-Mar-13 is estimated to be 151,700,000 head down 1.10 percent from a week ago, and down 0.89 percent from a year ago. (Last week 153,392,000, last year 153,056,000)

Actual data incorporated when available.

**NATIONAL FOWL MARKET**

**LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL** Prices are trending steady. Supplies are adequate for the mostly moderate demand. Processing schedules are seasonally normal to less than normal. Retail feature activity is light entering the weekend with majority of interest being in the Midwest and Southeast regions. Finished product supplies are moderate and clearing satisfactorily. Market activity is moderate.

**Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range Wtd Avg**  
 Prices in cents per pound. 10.0-22.0 13.91  
 (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 seasonally normal to less than normal. Movement of finished product sales are moving 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,

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

Week ending 9-Mar-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	36,987	59,660	30,932	25,813	153,392
Avg Live Wgt	3.85	5.37	6.80	8.59	5.83
% of total /1	24%	39%	20%	17%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	38,986	61,369	28,822	25,212	154,389
Avg Live Wgt	3.68	5.37	6.86	8.52	5.74
% of total /1	25%	40%	19%	16%	100%
Year Ago 2/	36,099	64,870	24,540	24,717	150,226
Avg Live Wgt	3.79	5.49	6.70	8.58	5.79
% of total /1	24%	43%	16%	16%	100%
To date/2013*	376,150	561,730	304,476	269,671	1,512,027
To date/2012*	351,145	643,843	270,723	226,479	1,492,190
% Change YTD	7%	-13%	12%	19%	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 9-Mar-13

(Preliminary)	-----Thousands-----				Ducks
	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	
Head	153,392	1,434	1,309	2,743	361
Avg Wt	5.83	3.28	8.01	5.54	6.93
Last week	154,389	1,366	1,304	2,670	419
Same wk yr ago	150,226	1,687	1,395	3,082	440
Avg Wt	5.79	3.39	7.89	5.43	6.83
To-date/2013*	1,512,027	15,097	13,628	28,725	3,851
To-date/2012*	1,492,190	15,225	15,217	30,442	4,285
% Change YTD	1%	-1%	-10%	-6%	-10%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	679,649	2,493	7,025	9,518	1,776
Last week	673,507	2,643	6,902	9,545	2,029
Same wk yr ago	652,356	2,974	7,429	10,403	2,164
To-date/2013*	6,697,440	25,936	70,920	96,856	18,598
To-date/2012*	6,405,563	25,472	78,880	104,352	20,598
% Change YTD	5%	2%	-10%	-7%	-10%
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 154.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 155.3 million head, or 1.2 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
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
03/02	156.3	153.7	102%	5.74
03/09	155.3	154.1	101%	5.83
Year to date	1530.5	1500.6	102%	
03/16		152.5		
03/23		153.2		

\*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

**BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

Under Federal Inspection (in thousands)

W/E	03/16/13	03/9/13	% chg	03/17/12	% chg
Broilers	151,700	153,392 <sup>1</sup>	-1.10	153,056 <sup>1</sup>	-0.89
Cattle	606	595	+02	618 <sup>2</sup>	-02
Hogs	2,203	2,201	0	2,179 <sup>2</sup>	+01

<sup>1</sup> Actual data incorporated when available.

<sup>2</sup> Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.

**EASTERN REGION MISC. POULTRY**

Delivery week of March 11, 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)	92.00-117.25	94.00-114.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9/ BOX)	94.00-119.00	96.00-115.00

**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**

Reported prices continue steady. Demand is moderate to at times fairly good. Supplies are mostly moderate. Market activity remains moderate. Processing schedules are full-time. 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 March 11, 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: March 12, 2012 Prices Paid Per Lb., Except As Noted

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.15 - 1.30 lbs.
Fancy Pigeons	12.00 - 18.00 ea.
Pekin Ducks	4.00 - 5.00 ea.
Pullets 4-6LBS	.90 - .95 lbs.
Red Fowl 5-6LBS	.60 - .65 lbs.
Red Fowl 4-5LBS	.50 - .60 lbs.
Crossbred Roasters 7-11LBS	.80 - .90 lbs.
Crossbred Roasters 4-6LBS	1.10 - 1.20 lbs.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9LBS	.60 - .70 lbs.
Banty Roasters	3.00 - 4.25 ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 - 3.00 ea.
Guinea Pigs	.75 - 7.50 ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.30 - 1.70 lbs.
Kid Goats	40.00 - 60.00 ea.
Geese 9-14LBS	.90 - 1.10 lbs.
Pigeons	3.90 - 4.60 ea.
White Pigeons	8.50 - 9.10 ea.
Chukars	6.00 - 6.25 ea.
Rabbits 6-9LBS	1.70 - 1.80 lbs.
Rabbits 4-6LBS	1.80 - 2.05 lbs.
Leghorn Hens	- .70 ea.
Bunnies	6.00 - 13.00 ea.
Doves	4.00 - 5.00 ea.
Silkie	3.00 - 5.00 ea.
Goats	70.00 - 120.00 ea.
Turkeys	19.00 - 21.00 ea.
Call Ducks	- 12.00 ea.
Guinea Keets	.90 - 1.50 ea.
Chicks	.75 - 2.00 ea.
Quail	1.60 - 1.80 ea.
Parakeets	8.00 - 10.00 ea.
Broilers	.90 - 1.05 lbs.
Ducklings	2.00 - 3.00 ea.
Pheasants	10.00 - 25.00 ea.
Goose Eggs	3.00 - 4.00 ea.
Laying Pullets	4.00 - 4.50 ea.
Fancy Bantams	9.00 - 14.00 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.00 - 1.25 lbs.

Total Coops Sold 6787