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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending weak to lower in the East, steady elsewhere. Offerings are light to available for current trade needs. Retail demand is light to at times good, mostly light to moderate. Food serviced demand is light to moderate following the weekend. Many buyers continue to purchase hand to mouth keeping floor stocks balanced to purposely short. Market activity for whole birds is slow to active, mostly moderate. In the parts structure, movement is moderate as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Prices are trending steady to firm for b/s breast, legs and leg quarters; 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. The Composite Weighted Average price for 03/18/13 is 107.78 compared to 107.82 a week earlier, and 94.08 a year ago.

GEORGIA FOB DOCK 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.

MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS **RANGE** **1,000** 94.91-107.63 **101.69**

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

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

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	185.50	1,669
BREASTS - B/S	168.00	7,222
BREASTS - WHOLE	110.00	1,382
THIGH MEAT - B/S	137.00	1,166
THIGHS	72.00	1,327
DRUMSTICKS	72.50	1,357
LEG QUARTERS	55.00	9,374
WINGS	178.50	3,783

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

NATIONAL WHOLE BROILER FRYER

EASTERN REGION	THIS WEEK					LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	88.00 - 131.00	104.00 - 111.00	108.84	↓ 0.85	5,646	109.69	5,558
WOGS:	95.50 - 124.00	108.00 - 112.00	109.61	↑ 0.23	1,545	109.39	1,463
NEW YORK							
Whole Body:	95.50 - 115.00	108.00 - 113.00	109.90	↓ 0.03	1,618	109.93	1,473
CENTRAL REGION	THIS WEEK					LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	95.00 - 118.00	98.00 - 106.00	103.66	↑ 0.99	3,780	102.68	3,477
WOGS:	95.00 - 115.00	99.00 - 105.00	101.55	↑ 0.09	2,840	101.46	2,512
CHICAGO							
Whole Body:	95.00 - 118.00	99.00 - 107.00	104.18	↑ 0.46	2,120	103.72	1,940
WESTERN REGION	THIS WEEK					LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	98.00 - 132.00	109.00 - 113.00	111.36	↑ 0.59	2,690	110.76	2,525
WOGS:	98.00 - 117.00	109.00 - 113.00	109.35	↑ 0.25	1,982	109.10	1,750
LOS ANGELES							
Whole Body:	98.00 - 132.00	109.00 - 113.00	110.59	↑ 0.23	2,000	110.36	1,750

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 steady to firm for legs and leg quarters; steady for the balance of items. Trucklot buying activity is moderate as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Offering of leg items are light to moderate and clearing well; breast cuts and tenders are moderate and wings are at least sufficient for current needs. Movement is slow to moderate.

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

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS.
BREAST - B/S		165	146.96	807,120
TENDERLOINS		140	141.86	132,760
BREAST - WITH RIBS	105-106		121.86	47,051
BREAST - LINE RUN		105	106.75	72,000
LEGS	69-70		68.40	92,720
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	50-51		50.60	292,651
DRUMSTICKS	59-60		68.03	55,680
THIGHS	71-72		85.87	47,600
B/S THIGHS	130-131		133.86	67,440
WINGS (WHOLE)	175-176		172.53	179,170
BACKS & NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18		18.00	5,920
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60		55.00	3,090
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80		81.05	11,440

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
	03/18	03/14	03/14	03/11	03/07
Alabama	3,609	3,556	5.64	3,607	5.62
Arkansas	4,915	4,595	5.65	4,859	5.55
Delmarva	2,104	1,981	6.11	1,931	6.07
Ky-LA-TN	2,448	2,311	4.95	2,401	5.07
Mississippi	2,547	2,603	6.03	2,817	6.14
North Carolina	2,851	2,801	7.41	2,833	7.53
Texas	2,417	2,435	5.79	2,419	5.91
Total	20,891	20,282	5.92	20,867	5.94
Mon	20,891(A)			20,867(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 18-Mar-13 is estimated to be 31,255,000 down 0.19 percent from a week ago and up 2.4 percent from a year ago. (last week 31,313,000 last year 30,518,000)

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)	190	49.00-51.00	-	50.05
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	292	50.00-53.00	-	51.29
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 18, 2013 -- F.O.B. DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
68.50 - 71.50	70.03	69.35

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 18-MAR-2013 TO 22-MAR-2013, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	134.00 - 169.00	142.00 - 147.00
TENDERLOINS	134.00 - 152.00	140.00 - 148.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	105.00 - 121.00	105.00 - 115.00
LEGS	65.00 - 69.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	48.00 - 62.00	51.00 - 54.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	49.00 - 63.00	52.00 - 55.00
DRUMSTICKS	51.00 - 67.00	-
THIGHS	66.00 - 83.00	-
B/S THIGHS	119.00 - 139.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	170.00 - 184.00	-
BACKS & NECKS (STRIPPED)	17.00 - 45.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 50.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	42.00 - 65.00	-

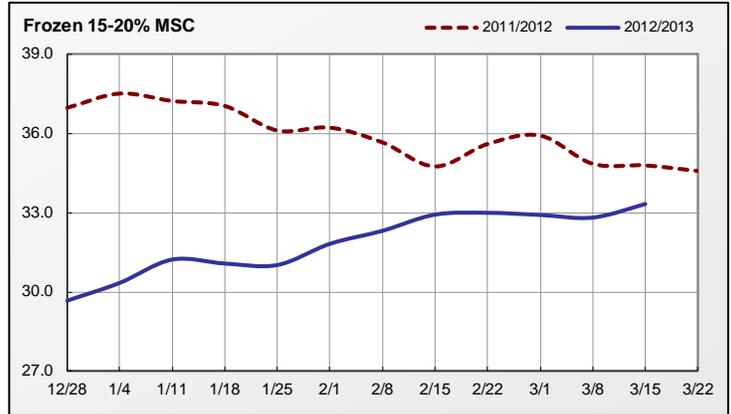
NATIONAL MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

Prices for MSC are steady to firm on all fat contents; Fresh 15-20% MSC continues to be in the strongest position. Supplies are light to moderate. Schedules are mostly normal. Demand is moderate to instances good into both domestic and export channels. Limited supplies and a variety of other reasons have been keeping the spot marketplace surprisingly stronger than usual during this Lenten season. Yet industry maintains a watchful eye on all influencing market factors, as well as a cautious attitude towards the marketplace remembering years past. Most sellers are managing production closely selling spot sales of MSC a week or two out front. Market activity is moderate to active. Supplies of raw materials are tight and sought after. Frames are firm trading between 14-16 cents FOB, mostly 15 FOB.

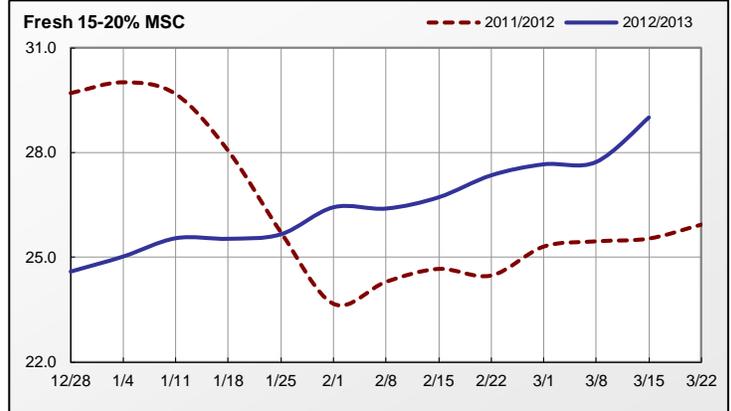
Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	15-Mar-13	Last Week	Last Year	15-Mar-13	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range		30.00	-	28.00 - 30.00	28.00 - 30.00	26.00-28.00
Wtd Avg Price		30.00	-	29.07	29.00	27.56
Volume Traded	-	40	-	153	163	184
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	32.00 - 35.00	31.00 - 35.00	30.00-38.00	27.00 - 33.00	25.00 - 31.00	23.00-30.00
Wtd Avg Price	33.33	32.81	34.79	29.01	27.74	25.54
Volume Traded	1,125	1,568	2,041	3,475	3,483	3,392
Volume Exported	1,045	1,480	1,801	367	449	694
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	22.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	22.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	41	82	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)