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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending steady to weak in the East, steady elsewhere. Offerings are light to heavy for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate for early week trading as snow moves into parts of the Northeast. 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 for mid-week business. Prices are trending steady to firm for b/s breast, and dark meat items. The balance of items are generally steady. Offerings of breast cuts, tenders and dark meat items are light to moderate and clearing well. Wings are at least steady. 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 The quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 cents to **101.75** cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 93.25 cents last year on March 21, 2012.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	182.00
BREASTS - B/S	168.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	111.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	139.00
THIGHS	72.50
DRUMSTICKS	64.50
LEG QUARTERS	55.00
WINGS	178.00

Information supplied by the GA Dept. of Ag's Poultry Market News Service.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKET

Ready-to-Cook

Midwest Region Negotiated Prices to First Receivers

(cents/lb. delivered to first receivers; U.S. Grade A and Plant Grade)

	Price Range
Hens Ice Packed (12 per Box)	80.0 - 86.0
Vacuum Packed (6-9 per Box)	85.0 - 90.0

Midwest region = IL, IN, MI, MO, OH, and WI

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF U.S. BROILER/FRYERS AND FOWL

Under Federal Inspection for Week Ending 23-Mar-13

CW: 03/23/13(1) PW: 03/16/13

Class	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	157,242(2)	154,574
Light hens	1,788	1,603
Heavy hens	1,424	1,320
Total	160,454	157,497

(1)Estimated

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 23-Mar-13 is 155.4 million head compared to 152.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 157.6 million head or 2.2 million more than estimated available. For the week of 30-Mar-13 the estimated available is 153.2 million head.

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING - Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 27-Apr-13 is estimated at 149.9 million head. This compares to 149.9 million head the previous week and to 156.7 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 152.4 million head and the national weighted average price was 84.88 cents per pound.

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending March 15, 2013

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/Gizzards	Hens*
RAYON						
Low	114.36	197.30	105.96	51.15	10.96	
High	116.92	211.92	120.57	62.11	14.62	
Mostly	116.92	204.61	113.27	58.46	10.96	
SAN JUAN						
Low	113.27	197.30	105.96	47.50	10.96	
High	115.09	208.27	116.92	58.46	14.62	
Mostly	115.09	200.96	109.61	54.81	10.96	
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	115.09	200.96	109.61	51.15	14.62	
High	118.38	215.57	124.23	65.77	18.27	
Mostly	116.92	211.92	116.92	62.11	16.44	
BECERRA						
Low	115.82	204.61	109.61	54.81	14.62	
High	119.11	219.23	127.88	69.42	18.27	
Mostly	116.92	211.92	120.57	65.77	16.44	

*No hen prices reported for weekending March 15, 2013.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers

(INC. GOV'T STOCKS)	(IN THOUSANDS)	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed other Poultry LBS
AM 03/18/13		145,347	53,576
AM 03/01/13		136,369	57,996
CHG		8978	-4420
PCT CHG		7%	-8%

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT - (in thousands)

	Processed Turkeys			Processed other Poultry		
	03/18/13	03/11/13	03/19/12	03/18/13	03/11/13	03/19/12
Pacific Coast	360	295	253	1,740	1,911	1,158
Los Angeles	177	82	122	1,067	1,195	542

BROILER HATCHERY

Week Ending 03/16/13

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET UP SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 200 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 16, 2013. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

19 Selected States Total (1,000 eggs)	2013	2012	% PY
Eggs Set.....	200,195	196,927	0

Selected States: AL, AR, CA, DE, FL, GA, KY, LA, MD, MO, MS, NC, OK, PA, SC, TX, VA, TN, & WV

Source: USDA NASS

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 16, 2013. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2012 through March 16, 2013 for the 19 State total were 1.80 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

19 Selected States Total (1,000 chicks)	2013	2012	% PY
Chicks Placed.....	164,867	162,802	+01

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER PARTS F.O.B. Dock or Equivalent, Iced-Packed, Prices Shown Are Day of Shipment (Includes Current & 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)	275	48.00-51.00	-	49.75
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	242	50.00-53.00	-	51.55
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 19, 2013 -- f.o.b. dock.

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		

Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for Mar 20, 2013 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
68.00 - 71.50	69.88

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
69.00 - 71.50	69.90	69.74

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/FRYER PARTS Prices are trending firm for breast cuts, legs and leg quarters; steady to firm for tenders. The balance of items are generally steady. Trucklot buying activity is moderate for mid-week trading as snowy weather conditions hampers parts of the Northeast. Offering of breast cuts, legs and tenders are light to moderate and moving well; 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

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	165-170	147.84	1,132,480
TENDERLOINS	140	143.60	250,480
BREAST - WITH RIBS	105-106	120.48	61,107
BREAST - LINE RUN	105	107.72	82,757
LEGS	69-70	65.89	122,740
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	50-51	51.75	366,020
DRUMSTICKS	59-60	63.70	115,800
THIGHS	71-72	81.46	59,220
B/S THIGHS	130-131	133.14	132,160
WINGS (WHOLE)	175-176	168.16	300,000
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	4,240
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	55.12	23,700
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	79.09	25,560

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	170	149.70	799,080
TENDERLOINS	140	139.04	190,640
BREAST - WITH RIBS	106-107	121.23	33,387
BREAST - LINE RUN	106	106.67	113,747
LEGS	70-71	69.40	123,680
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	50-51	52.54	184,224
DRUMSTICKS	59-60	67.93	65,080
THIGHS	71-72	84.71	48,000
B/S THIGHS	130-131	134.08	79,640
WINGS (WHOLE)	175-176	170.11	251,280
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	6,140
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	58.00	3,330
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	79.62	22,000

Includes New York City metropolitan area, northern NJ, MA, CT, RI, & PA (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

	Estimated		Actual		Avg. Wt.		Actual		Avg.	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Alabama	03/20	03/19	03/18	03/15	03/18	03/15	03/13	03/11		
Arkansas	3,595	3,711	3,596	4,001	5.68	5.69	3,558	5.70		
Delmarva	4,739	4,939	4,917	3,594	5.62	5.17	4,878	5.66		
KY-LA-TN	2,066	2,063	1,925	1,968	6.34	6.06	1,846	6.34		
Mississippi	2,256	2,473	2,399	2,336	5.21	4.96	2,370	5.27		
North Carolina	2,525	2,864	2,447	2,593	6.06	5.67	2,674	6.20		
Texas	2,884	2,820	2,780	2,635	7.56	7.60	2,820	7.57		
Total	2,167	2,176	2,392	2,761	5.77	5.67	2,031	5.90		
Mon-Wed	20,232	21,046	20,456	19,888	5.98	5.79	20,177	6.05		
	62,169 (A)						61,673 (A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-slaughter under federal inspection for 20-Mar-13 is estimated to be 30,269,000 head down 0.03 percent from a week ago and up 5.02 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,278,000, last year 28,821,000)

HACKETTSTOWN, NJ - POULTRY AUCTION for 03-19-13

	*All Papers Required to Sell All Out of State Poultry			Low	High	Avg	Low	High	Avg
	Low	High	Avg						
Heavy Fowl lb.	-	0.90	-	Heavy Fowl ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Light Fowl lb.	-	-	-	Light Fowl ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Mixed Fowl lb.	-	-	-	Mixed Fowl ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Bantams lb.	-	-	-	Bantams ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Broilers lb.	-	-	-	Broilers ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Roasters lb.	-	-	-	Roasters ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Fryers lb.	-	-	-	Fryers ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Chicks lb.	-	-	-	Chicks ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Pullets lb.	-	-	-	Pullets ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Bunnies lb.	-	-	-	Bunnies ea.	1.00	6.00	4.09	-	-
Roosters lb.	-	-	-	Roosters ea.	-	2.00	-	-	-
Geese lb.	-	-	-	Geese ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Turkeys lb.	-	-	-	Turkeys ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Ducks lb.	-	-	-	Ducks ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Rabbits lb.	1.00	2.50	1.67	Rabbits ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Pigeons lb.	-	-	-	Pigeons ea.	-	2.00	-	-	-
Guinea Fowl lb.	-	-	-	Guinea Fowl ea.	1.00	3.00	2.17	-	-
Ducklings lb.	-	-	-	Ducklings ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Guinea Keets ea.	-	-	-	Call Ducks ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Silkie ea.	-	-	-	Goslings ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Guinea Pigs ea.	-	-	-	Turkey Poult Ea	-	-	-	-	-
Chukars ea.	-	-	-	Peacocks ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Partridges ea.	-	-	-	Cockatiels ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Doves ea.	-	-	-	Pheasants ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Quail ea.	-	-	-	Ferrets ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Chinchilas ea.	-	-	-	Mice ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Peafowl ea.	-	-	-	Guinea Fowl Eggs (doz)	-	-	-	-	-
Quail Eggs ea.	-	-	-	Quail Eggs ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Emu ea.	-	-	-	Hampsters ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Total Pieces Sold 14.00									