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**NATIONAL BROILER** - Prices for whole broiler/fryer are trending steady in all areas. Offerings are light to moderate for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate entering the weekend, best movement on featured items. Many buyers continue to purchase hand to mouth keeping floor stocks balanced to short. Market activity for whole birds is moderate to active, mostly moderate. In the parts structure, movement is moderate for late week business. Prices are trending steady to higher, mostly firm to higher for breast cuts, tenders and dark meat items. The balance of items are generally steady. Offerings of breast cuts, tenders and dark meat items are light to moderate with good movement. Wings are at least sufficient. Market activity for parts is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed but mostly desirable weights.

## GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES

WEDNESDAY – 101.75 FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG. – 101.86

Confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (cents/lb)	VOL (000 lbs)
LINE RUN TENDERS	186.50	1,482
BREASTS - B/S	175.00	6,219
BREASTS - WHOLE	111.00	1,150
THIGH MEAT - B/S	139.50	1,051
THIGHS	74.50	1,244
DRUMSTICKS	73.00	1,096
LEG QUARTERS	54.50	7,941
WINGS	176.00	3,235

This info is supplied by the GA Dept. of Ag/Poultry Market News Service.

## ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection for Week Ending 23-Mar-13

	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	157,242	154,574

## CHICAGO

Price Range	THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs
Whole Body: 97.00.00 - 115.00	99.00 - 105.00	103.46	0.72	1,670	104.18	2,120

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.

## WEEKLY NATIONAL FROZEN WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS

Weighted Average Prices, cents per pound, FOB Shipper Dock Basis - Week Ending March 22, 2013

Frozen Whole Body Trading - commodity pack or equivalent; minimum 10,000 lb. lots; current negotiation for delivery within two weeks

U.S. GRADE A - FROZEN	Current Week		Last Week		Last Year		March Averages		
	Wtd avg (cents/lb.)	volume (000 lbs.)	Wtd avg (cents/lb.)	volume (000 lbs.)	Wtd avg (cents/lb.)	volume (000 lbs.)	This Month	Last Month	Last Year
8-16 lb. (Hens)	95.50	20	95.50	30	104.50	40	95.00	96.27	100.15
16-24 lb. (Toms)	94.50	10	95.71	60	104.50	30	95.30	96.27	100.17

<sup>1</sup> based on offers.

## SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Week Ending 16-Mar-2013 (Preliminary)

Live Poultry - Young Chickens		Live Turkeys - Young Hens		Young Toms
---Thousands---		-----Thousands-----		
Head	151,262	Head	1,614	2,517
Avg Wt	5.86	Avg Wt	17.31	40.72
Last week	153,392	Last week	1,740	2,546
Same wk yr ago	153,056	Same wk yr ago	1,828	2,610
Avg Wt	5.74	Avg Wt	16.94	40.73
To-date/2013*	1,663,289	To-date/2013*	18,446	27,483
To-date/2012*	1,645,246	To-date/2012*	18,876	27,147
% Change YTD	1%	% Change YTD	-2%	1%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage		Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage		
Current week	673,660	Current week	22,351	81,994
Last week	679,649	Last week	24,249	83,366
Same wk yr ago	658,906	Same wk yr ago	24,769	85,044
To-date/2013*	7,371,100	To-date/2013*	252,421	899,554
To-date/2012*	7,064,469	To-date/2012*	256,890	900,531
% Change YTD	4%	% Change YTD	-2%	0%
Dressing %	76.0%	Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%

(A) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update. \*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

## FRESH BEEF CUTS

FOB Negotiated

	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	593.00 641.89	611.40
168 3 Round, top inside round	205.00 216.50	206.74
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	494.00 542.00	522.08
Ground Beef 81%	192.00 225.98	205.55

Source: USDA/AMS, Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News Division