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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

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 F.O.B. DOCK WHOLE BIRD PRICES

The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 101.75 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**
879 95.00-109.67

101.86

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	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

USDA Weekly National Whole Broiler/Fryer Report (Fri)

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Monthly Composite Weighted Average	
				Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	106.68	↓ 1.10	11,116	Feb 101.80	45,653
Last Week:	107.78		12,117		
Last Year:	91.82	↑ 14.86	13,600		

Eastern Region

	THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	76.00 - 131.00	105.00 - 111.00	106.99	↓ 1.85	5,432	108.84 5,646
WOGS:	95.75 - 128.00	107.00 - 111.00	107.48	↓ 2.13	1,344	109.61 1,545
NEW YORK						
Whole Body:	95.75 - 113.00	107.00 - 111.00	107.67	↓ 2.23	1,508	109.90 1,618

Central Region

	THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	91.50 - 115.00	97.00 - 105.00	103.63	↓ 0.03	3,342	103.66 3,780
WOGS:	91.50 - 113.00	97.00 - 104.00	102.14	↑ 0.58	2,354	101.55 2,840
CHICAGO						
Whole Body:	97.00 - 115.00	99.00 - 105.00	103.46	↓ 0.72	1,670	104.18 2,120

Western Region

	THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	101.00 - 130.00	108.00 - 112.00	110.31	↓ 1.04	2,342	111.36 2,690
WOGS:	101.00 - 115.00	108.00 - 112.00	109.04	↓ 0.31	1,739	109.35 1,982
LOS ANGELES						
Whole Body:	101.00 - 130.00	107.00 - 111.00	109.45	↓ 1.14	1,697	110.59 2,000

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/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.

Mar 21				Mar 22						
ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
									(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			455	152.48
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			210	136.93
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			153	99.63
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			270	91.57
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT		TFEWR		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			1,155	50.04
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			1,189	51.56
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			115	147.83
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			152	170.63
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			75	50.40
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT		TFEWR		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			75	124.20

Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for - F.O.B. DOCK			Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for - F.O.B. DOCK			
RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE		RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE	
68.50 - 72.00	70.28		69.50 - 75.00	72.13	70.44	

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 to higher for breast cuts and tenders; steady to firm for legs, leg quarters, thighs and thigh meat. The balance of items are generally steady. Trucklot buying activity is moderate entering the weekend. Offering of breast cuts and tenders are light with good movement; leg items 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.

Mar 21				Mar 22				
ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
							WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	170	149.24	967,080	170-175	150.55	810,400	148.8	4,516,160
TENDERLOINS	140-145	142.61	176,040	140-145	143.93	217,200	142.36	967,120
BREAST - WITH RIBS	107-108	122.02	37,083	107-108	120.17	58,428	121.03	237,056
BREAST - LINE RUN	107	106.83	155,927	107	108.6	90,000	107.24	514,431
LEGS	70-71	69.38	137,800	71-72	70.65	139,600	68.83	616,540
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	50-51	52.90	319,620	50-51	52.81	201,440	52.04	1,363,955
DRUMSTICKS	59-60	68.70	89,380	59-60	71.21	71,400	67.47	397,340
THIGHS	71-72	84.82	46,240	71-72	85.97	48,080	84.42	249,140
B/S THIGHS	130-131	134.67	112,160	131-132	130.95	98,920	133.3	490,320
WINGS (WHOLE)	175-176	171.40	257,700	175-176	175.55	266,760	171.41	1,254,910
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	5,880	16-18	18	6,200	18	28,380
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	59.12	12,000	55-60	58.13	10,130	56.8	52,250
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	80.12	16,920	75-80	78.85	15,800	79.61	91,720

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 WTS		ACTUAL		AVG WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)		
Alabama	3,881	3,638	3,402	3,429	5.91	5.90	4,001	5.75	
Arkansas	3,718	4,601	4,819	4,890	5.59	5.57	3,594	5.47	
Delmarva	2,065	2,098	1,759	1,952	6.22	6.03	1,968	6.29	
Ky-LA-TN	2,384	2,443	2,240	2,450	5.04	5.26	2,336	5.13	
Mississippi	3,190	2,589	2,520	2,803	5.94	6.27	2,593	6.24	
North Carolina	2,765	2,851	2,816	2,618	7.54	7.64	2,635	7.54	
Texas	2,548	2,410	1,918	2,431	5.43	5.81	2,761	5.52	
Total	20,551	20,630	19,474	20,573	5.95	6.02	19,888	5.95	
Mon-Friday	103,350 (A)						101,843 (A)		
Saturday	1,455 (included in total for date shown)						1,074		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 22-Mar-13 and 23-Mar-13 is estimated to be 30,747,000 head up 3.03 percent from a week ago and up 1.15 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 29,844,000, last year 30,398,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 23-Mar-13 is estimated to be 154,623,000 head up 2.22 percent from a week ago, and up 2.67 percent from a year ago. (Last week 151,262,000, last year 150,600,000)

Actual data incorporated when available.

LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL

Prices are trending steady. Supplies are sufficient for the mostly moderate demand. Processing schedules are normal for the week. Retail feature activity is moderate entering the weekend with majority of interest being in the Northeast and South Central regions. Finished product supplies are moderate and clearing well. Market activity is moderate.

Final prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
	10.0 - 22.0	13.92

(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 mostly steady for the light to moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are at least sufficient for current needs. Processing schedules are normal. Movement of finished product sales are clearing 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, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, TN, VA, VT, and WV; North Central = IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI; South Central = AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED

W/E 16-Mar-2013	Under Federal Inspection (Preliminary) (In 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	40,492	52,157	31,657	26,956	151,262
Avg Live Wgt	3.80	5.48	6.83	8.53	5.86
% of total /1	27%	34%	21%	18%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/	38,346	64,800	25,166	24,744	153,056
Avg Live Wgt	3.85	5.41	6.72	8.55	5.74
% of total /1	25%	42%	16%	16%	100%
To date/2013*	416,642	613,887	336,133	296,627	1,663,289
To date/2012*	389,491	708,643	295,889	251,223	1,645,246
% Change YTD	7%	-13%	14%	18%	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.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(Preliminary) W/E 16-Mar-2013	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
Head	151,262	1,438	1,333	2,771	414
Avg Wt	5.86	3.25	7.80	5.44	6.46
Last week	153,392	1,434	1,309	2,743	361
Same wk yr ago	153,056	1,752	1,332	3,084	408
Avg Wt	5.74	3.07	8.10	5.24	6.47
To-date/2013*	1,663,289	16,535	14,961	31,496	4,265
To-date/2012*	1,645,246	16,977	16,549	33,526	4,693
% Change YTD	1%	-3%	-10%	-6%	-9%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	673,660	2,477	6,966	9,443	1,899
Last week	679,649	2,493	7,025	9,518	1,776
Same wk yr ago	658,906	2,797	7,283	10,080	1,901
To-date/2013*	7,371,100	28,413	77,886	106,299	20,497
To-date/2012*	7,064,469	28,269	86,163	114,432	22,499
% Change YTD	4%	1%	-10%	-7%	-9%
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 152.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 153.1 million head, or 0.6 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 - AVAILABLE COMPARISON

Week Ending	Slaughtered	Million Head Available*	Pct	Avg Wt
2/9	156.9	153.6	102%	5.88
2/16	153.4	157.2	98%	5.79
2/23	153.4	149.8	102%	5.90
3/2	156.3	153.7	102%	5.74
3/9	155.3	154.1	101%	5.83
3/16	153.1	152.5	100%	5.86
Year to date	1,683.6	1,653.1	102%	
3/23		153.2		
3/30		153.2		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

EASTERN REGION MISC POULTRY Delivery week of 18-Mar-13
DUCKLINGS: Prices Negotiated by First Receivers, US Grade A, 4-5 lbs. Delivered in Trucklot and 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 PER BOX)	92.00-117.25	94.00-114.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	94.00-119.00	96.00-115.00

SQUABS: New York Area Wholesale Prices, Frozen, Plant Grade, Dollars/Dozen, 1 to 10 Boxes

11 OZ.	83.52 - 104.16
13 OZ.	91.44 - 124.26
15 OZ.	99.36 - 132.46

Eastern Region: CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA,RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS This week, prices are steady. Supplies are moderate on generally moderate demand. Market activity is moderate. Processing schedules continue 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 18-Mar-13

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	179 - 219	181 - 224

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection (in thousands)

W/E	03/23/13	03/16/13	%CHG	03/24/12	%CHG
Broilers	154,623	151,262 ¹	+2.22	150,600 ¹	+2.67
Cattle	601	606	-0.99	603 ²	+1.00
Hogs	2,176	2,203	-0.99	2,132 ²	+1.02

¹ Actual data incorporated when available.

² Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION ***AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY***

Date of Auction: 03-19-13 - Prices Paid Per Lb., Except As Noted

RANGE		RANGE		RANGE	
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.35 - 1.70 lbs.	Guinea Fowl	1.40 - 2.20 lbs.	Chicks	.15 - 2.00 ea.
Fancy Pigeons	10.00 - 16.00 ea.	Kid Goats	30.00 - 60.00 ea.	Love Birds	12.00 - 18.00 ea.
Pekin Ducks	5.00 - 7.00 ea.	Pigeons	4.80 - 5.30 ea.	Parakeets	8.00 - 11.00 ea.
Pullets 4-6LBS	.85 - .90 lbs.	White Pigeons	7.00 - 11.00 ea.	Broilers	.85 - 1.00 lbs.
Red Fowl 5-6LBS	.60 - .70 lbs.	Rabbits 6-9LBS	1.90 - 2.15 lbs.	Ducklings	1.40 - 2.00 ea.
Red Fowl 4-5LBS	.55 - .65 lbs.	Rabbits 4-6LBS	2.20 - 2.60 lbs.	Pheasants	8.00 - 36.00 ea.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11LBS	.80 - .85 lbs.	Leghorn Hens	- 2.00 ea.	Goose Eggs	2.00 - 3.50 ea.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6LBS	1.40 - 1.50 lbs.	Bunnies	9.00 - 23.00 ea.	Laying Pullets	3.00 - 4.25 ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9LBS	.65 - .80 lbs.	Silgies	3.00 - 4.00 ea.	Fancy Bantams	7.00 - 9.00 ea.
Banty Roosters	6.00 - 8.00 ea.	Goats	-120.00 ea.	Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.30 - 1.60 lbs.
Banty Hens	4.00 - 5.00 ea.	Turkeys	14.00 - 25.00 ea.		
Guinea Pigs	.75 - 11.00 ea.	Call Ducks	- 8.00 ea.	Total Coops Sold	5,500