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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 with interest centering on seasonal 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 following the weekend. 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

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	PRELIM. WTD. AVG
1,001	94.91 - 109.67	101.89

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	186.00	1,705
BREASTS - B/S	174.00	7,258
BREASTS - WHOLE	111.50	1,382
THIGH MEAT - B/S	139.50	1,166
THIGHS	74.50	1,327
DRUMSTICKS	72.50	1,357
LEG QUARTERS	55.00	9,374
WINGS	177.00	3,783

USDA Weekly National Whole Broiler/Fryer Report (Fri)

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

Eastern Region

	THIS WEEK					LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	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.	Wtd Avg	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.	Wtd Avg	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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NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Prices are trending firm to higher for tenders and breast cuts; steady to firm for leg items. Wings are steady to weak. Trucklot buying activity is moderate as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Offering of breast cuts and tenders are light and clearing well; leg items are light to moderate and wings are fully 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	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS.
BREAST - B/S		170-175	149.33	672,120
TENDERLOINS		145	143.46	121,320
BREAST - WITH RIBS		107-108	123.47	47,289
BREAST - LINE RUN		107	108.83	73,143
LEGS		71-72	72.46	98,760
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		50-51	52.55	163,840
DRUMSTICKS		59-60	66.88	221,292
THIGHS		71-72	85.24	26,520
B/S THIGHS		131-132	133.78	56,440
WINGS (WHOLE)		175-176	176.28	198,560
BACKS & NECKS (STRIPPED)		16-18	18.00	6,720
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		55-60	58.77	7,590
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		75-80	80.83	12,360

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. Wt.	Actual (1,000)	Avg. Wt.
	3/25	3/21	3/21	3/18	3/14
Alabama	3,636	3,486	5.72	3,596	5.64
Arkansas	4,727	4,499	5.71	4,917	5.65
Delmarva	1,992	1,929	6.08	1,925	6.11
KY-LA-TN	2,413	2,446	5.04	2,399	4.95
Mississippi	2,843	2,594	6.10	2,447	6.03
North Carolina	2,881	2,888	7.45	2,780	7.41
Texas	2,431	2,407	5.77	2,392	5.79
Total	20,923	20,249	5.97	20,456	5.92
Mon	20,923 (A)			20,456 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 25-Mar-13 is estimated to be 31,303,000 up 1.98 percent from a week ago and up 4.9 percent from a year ago. (last week 30,696,000 last year 29,832,000)

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)	233	49.00-51.00	-	49.74
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 25, 2013 -- F.O.B. DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
69.50 - 72.00	70.62	70.56

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 25-MAR-13 TO 29-MAR-13, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	140.00 - 175.00	148.00 - 158.00
TENDERLOINS	140.00 - 156.00	140.00 - 150.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	103.00 - 125.00	107.00 - 118.00
LEGS	65.00 - 70.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	48.00 - 63.00	49.00 - 52.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	51.00 - 64.00	51.00 - 53.00
DRUMSTICKS	51.00 - 61.00	-
THIGHS	66.00 - 83.00	-
B/S THIGHS	125.00 - 142.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	165.00 - 184.00	-
BACKS & NECKS (STRIPPED)	17.00 - 45.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 50.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	42.00 - 65.00	-

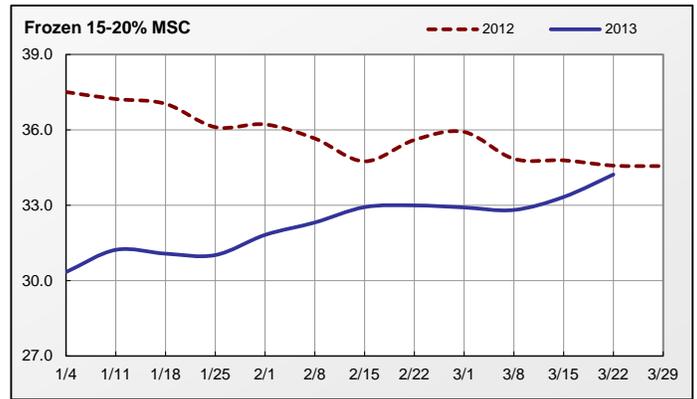
National Mechanically Separated Chicken

(FOB Shipper Dock or equiv., negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand lb. quantities, cents/lb.; delivery within 2 weeks.)

Prices for MSC are steady to firm on all fat contents; Fresh 15-20% MSC in the strongest position. Supplies are light to moderate. Schedules are generally normal. Demand is moderate to instances good into both domestic and export channels. Industry continues to watch all influencing market factors, while also maintaining a cautious attitude remembering years past. Planned industry cutbacks and bird weight issues continue to limit supplies of MSC and frames creating a stronger than usual Lenten season, which is quickly coming to a close. Most sellers are focused on next week's varying Easter production schedules trying to closely manage production and sell spot MSC out front. Market activity is moderate to active. Supplies of raw materials are tight. Frames are firm trading between 14-17 cents FOB. mostly 15 FOB.

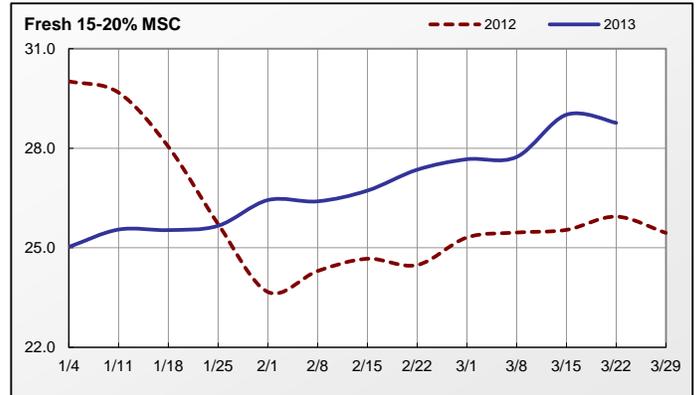
Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	22-Mar-13	Last Week	Last Year	22-Mar-13	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			-	29.00 - 31.00	28.00 - 30.00	26.00-27.00
Wtd Avg Price	32.00		-	30.00	29.07	26.67
Volume Traded	40	-	-	82	153	122
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	33.00 - 36.00	32.00 - 35.00	30.00-38.00	27.00 - 33.00	27.00 - 33.00	23.00-30.00
Wtd Avg Price	34.22	33.33	34.58	28.77	29.01	25.94
Volume Traded	1,135	1,125	2,020	3,529	3,475	4,624
Volume Exported	935	1,045	1,445	367	367	1,265
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	22.50
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	22.50
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	41	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.