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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending steady in all areas. Offerings of all sizes are mostly moderate to satisfy current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is mixed, mostly moderate, with some hopes for improvements over the weekend. Floor stocks are balanced. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for end of the week business. Prices are trending firm for tenders, weak to lower for wings, and steady to firm for the remaining parts. Supplies of wings are heavy and slow to clear. Tenders are light and well cleared, and all other part 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.

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 102.25 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**
887 98.50-111.04

102.30

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	184.50	1,510
BREASTS - B/S	178.00	6,150
BREASTS - WHOLE	111.00	1,210
THIGH MEAT - B/S	142.00	1,045
THIGHS	73.50	1,218
DRUMSTICKS	70.50	1,079
LEG QUARTERS	55.00	7,909
WINGS	164.00	3,211

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:	106.51	↓ 0.18	10,332	Mar	107.27
Last Week:	106.69		10,280		45,071
Last Year:	84.55	↑ 21.96	12,880		

Eastern Region

	THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg
Whole Body:	80.00 - 131.00	105.00 - 111.00	107.51	↓ 0.85	5,150	108.37
WOGS:	96.25 - 127.00	105.00 - 110.00	106.12	↓ 1.09	1,275	107.21
NEW YORK						
Whole Body:	96.25 - 113.00	105.00 - 110.00	107.30	↑ 0.13	1,438	107.17

Central Region

	THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg
Whole Body:	94.00 - 113.00	99.00 - 105.00	102.99	↑ 0.54	3,521	102.45
WOGS:	94.00 - 113.00	99.00 - 104.00	101.64	↑ 0.62	2,633	101.02
CHICAGO						
Whole Body:	99.00 - 112.25	99.00 - 104.00	102.93	↑ 0.35	1,840	102.58

Western Region

	THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg
Whole Body:	102.00 - 130.00	107.00 - 111.00	110.85	↓ 0.24	1,661	111.09
WOGS:	102.00 - 115.00	107.00 - 110.00	108.82	↑ 0.47	1,395	108.34
LOS ANGELES						
Whole Body:	102.00 - 130.00	108.00 - 111.00	110.51	↓ 0.14	1,046	110.65

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 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.

Apr 04, 2013

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 Apr 04, 2013 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
69.00 - 72.00	70.82

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.

Apr 05, 2013

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	WEEKLY POUNDS (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S		TOO FEW TO REPORT			612	152.89
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			180	151.44
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT			85	102.12
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT			257	91.54
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			1,425	49.83
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			922	51.63
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			185	111.35
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			140	131.79
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			75	53.80
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			75	128.00

Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for Apr 05, 2013 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
69.00 - 73.00	71.27	70.72

NORTHEAST BROILER PARTS Prices are trending firm to higher for tenders; steady to firm for boneless skinless breast and leg cuts and weak to lower for wings. Trucklot buying activity improved slightly under normal weekend demand but still noted as light to moderate overall. Offering of tenders are light and well cleared; legs cuts and boneless skinless breast are light to moderate for current needs, wings are readily available with discounting noted. Other items are sufficient for current needs. Movement is seasonally slow to moderate.

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

Apr 04, 2013

ITEM	WTD TRADING*	VOL AVG**	/LBS.
BREAST - B/S	170-175	152.08	958,600
TENDERLOINS	150-155	150.92	184,880
BREAST - WITH RIBS	107-108	121.20	52,016
BREAST - LINE RUN	107	109.23	76,563
LEGS	72-73	73.88	91,120
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	50-51	52.58	324,520
DRUMSTICKS	59-60	66.35	156,693
THIGHS	71-72	84.01	42,920
B/S THIGHS	132-133	133.07	108,280
WINGS (WHOLE)	158-159	163.26	342,240
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	4,400
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	58.41	9,880
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	79.81	20,880

Apr 05, 2013

ITEM	WTD TRADING*	VOL AVG**	WEEKLY /LBS.	WEEKLY WTD AVG	VOL/LBS.
BREAST - B/S	170-175	150.95	1,119,640	152.27	4,429,120
TENDERLOINS	155	151.30	183,880	149.90	909,040
BREAST - WITH RIBS	107-108	122.15	60,776	121.53	238,665
BREAST - LINE RUN	107	109.47	76,563	108.78	419,171
LEGS	72-73	73.69	89,720	69.85	670,820
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	50-51	52.85	392,520	51.44	1,656,562
DRUMSTICKS	59-60	64.59	111,693	63.87	574,690
THIGHS	71-72	84.51	43,680	83.49	191,400
B/S THIGHS	132-133	132.98	106,280	133.60	472,400
WINGS (WHOLE)	155-156	160.93	315,840	164.67	1,391,560
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	4,400	18.00	25,100
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	57.97	9,680	57.92	47,670
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	79.86	19,680	79.93	90,960

Includes New York City metropolitan area, northern NJ, MA, CT, RI, and 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 (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WT		ACTUAL (1,000) AVG WT	
	04/05	04/04	04/03	04/02	04/03	04/02	03/29	03/27
Alabama	3,998	3,688	3,498	3,523	5.86	5.80	3,427	5.72
Arkansas	3,765	4,654	4,588	4,935	5.71	5.68	3,392	5.82
Delmarva	2,009	2,013	1,738	2,016	6.38	6.27	1,711	6.21
Ky-LA-TN	2,346	2,415	2,359	2,358	5.24	5.36	2,246	5.13
Mississippi	2,696	2,689	2,716	2,735	6.45	6.20	2,534	5.91
North Carolina	2,660	2,679	2,826	2,851	7.64	7.65	2,505	7.62
Texas	2,362	2,374	2,392	2,399	5.76	5.87	2,512	5.47
Total	19,836	20,512	20,117	20,817	6.12	6.08	18,327	5.98
Mon-Friday	102,516 (A)						98,697 (A)	
Saturday	863 (included in total for date shown)						395	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 05-Apr-13 and 06-Apr-13 is estimated to be 29,677,000 head up 7.91 percent from a week ago and up 8.07 percent from a year ago. (Last week 27,502,000, last year 27,462,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 06-Apr-13 is estimated to be 153,375,000 head up 2.45 percent from a week ago, and up 3.80 percent from a year ago. (Last week 149,707,000, last year 147,760,000)

Actual data incorporated when available.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKET

LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL

Prices are trending steady. Supplies are sufficient for the moderate demand. Processing schedules mostly normal with some operations down due to the Easter holiday weekend. Retail feature activity is light entering the weekend with majority of interest being in the South Central region. Finished product supplies are moderate and clearing satisfactorily. Market activity is moderate.

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range Wtd Avg
 Prices in cents per pound. 10.0-22.0 13.88
 (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 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. Feature activity is moderate with the bulk of activity noted in the Northeast and Southeast regions.

(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 UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Week ending 30-Mar-13

(Preliminary)	-----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	45,523	47,951	31,833	24,400	149,707
Avg Live Wgt	3.69	5.36	6.74	8.40	5.64
% of total /1	30%	32%	21%	16%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	41,818	53,066	29,466	29,789	154,139
Avg Live Wgt	3.82	5.42	6.82	8.49	5.85
% of total /1	27%	34%	19%	19%	100%
Year Ago 2/	39,670	61,956	24,232	23,897	149,755
Avg Live Wgt	3.87	5.54	6.77	8.71	5.80
% of total /1	26%	41%	16%	16%	100%
To date/2013*	503,983	714,904	397,432	350,817	1,967,136
To date/2012*	462,795	837,984	348,952	295,870	1,945,601
% Change YTD	9%	-15%	14%	19%	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.

WEEKLY POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(Preliminary) Week ending 30-Mar-13

(Preliminary)	-----Thousands-----				Ducks
	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	
Head	149,707	1,833	1,480	3,313	419
Avg Wt	5.64	3.08	7.87	5.22	6.84
Last week	154,139	1,678	1,317	2,995	422
Same wk yr ago	149,755	1,676	1,372	3,048	407
Avg Wt	5.80	3.44	7.76	5.38	6.92
To-date/2013*	1,967,135	20,046	17,758	37,804	5,106
To-date/2012*	1,945,601	20,462	19,304	39,766	5,502
% Change YTD	1%	-2%	-8%	-5%	-7%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	641,704	3,049	7,920	10,969	2,035
Last week	685,302	2,837	7,103	9,940	2,094
Same wk yr ago	651,434	2,998	7,187	10,185	2,028
To-date/2013*	8,698,106	34,299	92,909	127,208	24,626
To-date/2012*	8,363,107	34,164	100,800	134,964	26,504
% Change YTD	4%	0%	-8%	-6%	-7%

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 153.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 151.5 million head, or 1.7 million less than estimated available. (B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update. *Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

EST. U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

Week Ending	Million Head Slaughtered	Million Head Available*	Pct	Avg Wt
02/23	153.4	149.8	102%	5.90
03/02	156.3	153.7	102%	5.74
03/09	155.3	154.1	101%	5.83
03/16	153.1	152.5	100%	5.86
03/23	156.0	153.2	102%	5.85
03/30	151.5	153.2	99%	5.64
Year to date 1991.1	1959.5	102%		
04/06		152.9		
04/13		153.7		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection (in thousands)

W/E	04/6/13	03/30/13	% chg	04/7/12	% chg
Broilers	153,375	149,707 ¹	+2.45	147,760 ¹	+3.80
Cattle	593	599	-01	621 ²	-04
Hogs	2,088	2,184	-04	2,124 ²	-02

¹ Actual data incorporated when available.² Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.**EASTERN REGION MISC. POULTRY**

For delivery the week of April 1, 2013

DUCKLINGS:

Prices Negotiated By First Receivers, US Grade A, 4-5 Lbs., Delivered In Trucklot & 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.

ICE PACKED (12/BOX)	RANGE	MOSTLY
VACUUM PACKED (6-9/BOX)	90.00-115.25	92.00-112.00
	93.00-117.00	94.00-113.00

SQUABS:

NY Area Wholesale Prices, Frozen, Plant Grade, Dollars/Dozen, 1-10 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 Prices remain steady this week. Demand is reported as mostly moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate. Processing schedules are 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 April 1, 2013

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

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION

All Papers Required To Sell All Out Of State Poultry

Date of Auction: April 2, 2012 Prices Paid Per Lb., Except As Noted

	RANGE	
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.40 - 1.60	lbs.
Fancy Pigeons	9.00 - 12.00	ea.
Pullets 4-6LBS	- .90	lbs.
Red Fowl 5-6LBS	.90 - 1.20	lbs.
Red Fowl 4-5LBS	.60 - .70	lbs.
Leghorn Roosters	- 3.00	ea.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11LBS	.50 - .80	lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6LBS	1.40 - 1.60	lbs.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9LBS	.80 - 1.00	lbs.
Banty Roosters	4.50 - 5.50	ea.
Banty Hens	- 3.00	ea.
Guinea Pigs	3.50 - 7.00	ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.25 - 1.40	lbs.
Kid Goats	- 65.00	ea.
Pigeons	4.00 - 5.00	ea.
White Pigeons	9.50 - 9.75	ea.
Chukars	5.75 - 6.00	ea.
Rabbits 6-9LBS	1.90 - 2.10	lbs.
Rabbits 4-6LBS	2.10 - 2.20	lbs.
Leghorn Hens	.80 - 1.00	ea.
Bunnies	2.00 - 5.00	ea.
Doves	3.00 - 4.00	ea.
Silkies	3.00 - 4.00	ea.
Turkeys	15.00 - 21.00	ea.
Chicks	.05 - .80	ea.
Parakeets	11.00 - 14.00	ea.
Broilers	.90 - 1.10	lbs.
Peacocks	35.00 - 85.00	ea.
Ducklings	.70 - 1.00	ea.
Pheasants	5.00 - 22.00	ea.
Goose Eggs	1.50 - 2.50	ea.
Fancy Bantams	8.00 - 12.00	ea.
Pekin Ducks	5.00 - 5.25	ea.
Total Coops Sold	6823	