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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady to firm in the East, steady in the West and Midwest. Offerings of all sizes are light to moderate to satisfy current trade needs. Retail demand covers the full range, but is mostly moderate to good. Food service demand is moderate to good. Floor stocks are mostly balanced. Market activity for whole birds is moderate for mid-week business. In the parts structure, movement is moderate to good. Prices are trending weak to lower for wings, firm to higher for breast items and tenders, steady to firm for dark meat cuts. Supplies of breast cuts are light, dark meat is light to moderate, and wings continue heavy with slow movement. Market activity for parts cover the full range, but is noted as mostly moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate. Weights are in a full range but mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK The quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 cents to **102.75** 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 April 18, 2012.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	196.50
BREASTS - B/S	182.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	114.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	142.50
THIGHS	72.00
DRUMSTICKS	65.50
LEG QUARTERS	55.50
WINGS	158.00

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 20-Apr-13

CW: 04/20/13(1) PW: 04/13/13

Class	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	153,578(2)	155,999
Light hens	1,993	2,081
Heavy hens	1,550	1,515
Total	157,121	159,595

(1)Estimated

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 20-Apr-13 is 155.4 million head compared to 156.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 153.9 million head or -1.5 million less than estimated available. For the week of 27-Apr-13 the estimated available is 153.3 million head.

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING - Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 25-May-13 is estimated at 151.3 million head. This compares to 149.9 million head the previous week and to 155.7 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 159.9 million head and the national weighted average price was 87.83 cents per pound.

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending April 12, 2013

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	123.27	206.71	112.75	48.86	11.27	
High	124.78	221.74	124.02	60.13	15.03	
Mostly	124.02	217.98	120.27	56.37	11.27	
SAN JUAN						
Low	120.27	206.71	108.99	45.10	11.27	
High	124.02	217.98	120.27	56.37	15.03	
Mostly	124.02	214.22	116.51	52.62	11.27	
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	123.27	210.46	112.75	48.86	15.03	
High	125.90	225.50	127.78	63.89	18.79	
Mostly	124.02	221.74	124.02	60.13	16.91	
BECERRA						
Low	124.02	214.22	116.51	52.62	15.03	
High	127.03	233.01	131.54	67.65	18.79	
Mostly	124.02	225.50	127.78	63.89	16.91	

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers

(INC. GOV'T STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed other Poultry LBS
AM 04/15/13	150,389	45,413
AM 04/01/13	144,400	52,340
CHG	5989	-6927
PCT CHG	4%	-13%

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT - (in thousands)

	Processed Turkeys			Processed other Poultry		
	04/15/13	04/08/13	04/16/12	04/15/13	04/08/13	04/16/12
Pacific Coast	242	277	240	1,673	1,740	878
Los Angeles	104	127	95	1,114	1,156	324

BROILER HATCHERY

Week Ending 04/13/13

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET UP SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 200 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 13, 2013. This was up slightly 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.....	200,083	199,073	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 DOWN SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 164 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 13, 2013. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2012 through April 13, 2013 for the 19 State total were 2.45 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

19 Selected States Total (1,000 chicks)	2013	2012	% PY
Chicks Placed.....	163,594	164,225	0

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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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	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S		TOO FEW TO REPORT			BREAST - B/S		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT			BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT			FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	320	47.00-52.00	-	49.88
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	237	51.00-54.00	-	52.78
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

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
71.00 - 73.50	72.13	68.50 - 73.00	70.69	71.58

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 items, thighs, drums and tenders; steady to firm for other leg cuts. Wings are no better than steady. Trucklot buying activity is moderate to good for mid-week trading. Offering of tenders and breast cuts are light and moving well; leg items are light to moderate and wings are at least sufficient for current needs. Movement is moderate to active.

Ice packed broiler/fryer parts, delivered to first receivers in pool trucklot and trucklot quantities, cents per pound.

APR 16	CURRENT NEG	WTD		APR 17	CURRENT NEG	WTD	
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	180	158.35	1,230,080	BREAST - B/S	180-185	162.06	690,680
TENDERLOINS	170	164.23	253,920	TENDERLOINS	170-175	165.98	160,040
BREAST - WITH RIBS	110-111	123.43	79,580	BREAST - WITH RIBS	110-111	123.31	60,885
BREAST - LINE RUN	110	112.53	74,756	BREAST - LINE RUN	110	110.67	111,299
LEGS	72-73	75.65	106,720	LEGS	72-73	71.08	138,120
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	51-52	52.92	376,840	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	51-52	55.43	144,920
DRUMSTICKS	62-63	69.49	131,320	DRUMSTICKS	63-64	64.15	131,144
THIGHS	71-72	85.78	53,560	THIGHS	72-73	85.46	65,680
B/S THIGHS	135-136	136.60	111,080	B/S THIGHS	135-136	137.74	75,320
WINGS (WHOLE)	147-148	144.99	325,760	WINGS (WHOLE)	147-148	149.44	232,240
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	3,920	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	4,230
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	57.17	11,850	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	57.31	8,380
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	79.91	21,840	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	79.44	20,720

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.

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES FOR 04/16/13

All Papers Required To Sell All Out of State Poultry

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.80	1.00	.90	HEAVY FOWL ea.	5.00	10.50	8.34
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	12.00	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	2.50	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	2.50	10.50	5.77
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	2.00	6.00	4.50
ROOSTERS lb.	1.20	1.75	1.63	ROOSTERS ea.	7.50	13.00	9.60
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	24.00	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	5.00	30.00	13.34
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	1.50	22.00	9.35
RABBITS lb.	1.50	3.00	2.46	RABBITS ea.	5.25	7.50	6.47
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	5.75	7.75	6.57
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	10.00	10.50	10.17
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-	PEACOCKS ea.	-	-	-
PARTRIDGES ea.	-	-	-	COCKATIELS ea.	-	-	-
DOVES ea.	-	-	-	PHEASANTS ea.	1	3.00	13.50
QUAIL ea.	-	3.50	-	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 237

DAILY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG	ACTUAL	AVG
	(1,000)	(1,000)	WTS	(1,000)	WTS
	04/17	04/16	04/15	04/12	04/10
Alabama	3,687	3,659	3,431	4,105	5.57
Arkansas	4,661	4,965	4,906	3,640	5.63
Delmarva	2,104	2,119	1,968	2,202	6.53
KY-LA-TN	2,192	2,159	2,179	2,237	5.19
Mississippi	2,703	2,770	2,775	2,869	6.22
North Carolina	2,905	2,842	2,763	3,105	7.58
Texas	2,404	2,393	2,414	2,744	5.74
Total	20,656	20,907	20,436	20,902	6.02
Mon-Wed	62,337 (A)				61,874 (A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 17-Apr-13 is estimated to be 30,904,000 head up 2.92 percent from a week ago and down 0.43 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,027,000, last year 31,038,000)