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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Prices for whole broiler/fryer are steady overall. Offerings are light to moderate for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand cover the full range, mostly moderate with some improved activity noted for next week planned Mother's Day feature activity. Floor stocks are balance. Market activity for whole birds is moderate. In the parts structure, movement is mostly moderate entering the weekend with some trucking issues noted mostly due to competition from the produce sector. Prices are trending weak to lower for wings, firm for breast items and tenders, steady to firm for dark meat cuts. Supplies of breast cuts and tenders are light, dark meat is light to moderate, and wings readily available and slow to clear. Market activity for parts is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate. Weights are mixed, but noted as desirable.

### 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 103.25 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**  
874                              99.89-109.23

103.18

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	210.00	1,466
BREASTS - B/S	205.50	6,128
BREASTS - WHOLE	119.00	1,143
HIGH MEAT - B/S	144.00	995
THIGHS	73.00	1,246
DRUMSTICKS	64.50	1,085
LEG QUARTERS	55.00	7,894
WINGS	138.00	3,184

## USDA Weekly National Whole Broiler/Fryer Report (Fri)

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Monthly Composite Weighted Average	
				Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
<b>This Week:</b>	107.02	↓ 0.71	10,693	<b>Apr</b>	107.10
<b>Last Week:</b>	107.73		11,071		43,665
<b>Last Year:</b>	86.33	↑ 20.69	12,720		

### Eastern Region

	THIS WEEK					LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	97.00 - 131.00	107.00 - 111.00	108.86	↓ 0.20	5,758	109.06	5,996
WOGS:	97.25 - 127.00	107.00 - 111.00	108.41	↑ 0.95	1,435	107.46	1,608
<b>NEW YORK</b>							
Whole Body:	97.25 - 113.00	107.00 - 111.00	108.33	↑ 0.26	1,621	108.07	1,578

### Central Region

	THIS WEEK					LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	95.00 - 113.25	98.00 - 104.00	102.78	↓ 0.07	3,100	102.85	2,529
WOGS:	95.00 - 108.00	99.00 - 104.00	101.37	↑ 0.44	2,372	100.93	1,874
<b>CHICAGO</b>							
Whole Body:	95.00 - 113.25	96.00 - 104.00	102.79	↓ 0.40	1,680	103.19	1,485

### Western Region

	THIS WEEK					LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	100.00 - 121.00	106.00 - 112.00	108.42	↓ 1.04	1,836	109.46	2,546
WOGS:	100.00 - 115.00	103.00 - 111.00	108.10	↑ 0.20	1,750	107.91	2,250
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>							
Whole Body:	100.00 - 115.00	107.00 - 112.00	107.67	↓ 1.46	1,307	109.13	2,058

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.

May 02, 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)	275	45.00-52.00	-	48.91
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	224	52.00-54.00	-	52.77
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		

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Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for May 02, 2013 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
67.00 - 73.00	70.21

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.

May 03, 2013

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	WEEKLY POUNDS (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S		TOO FEW TO REPORT			377	186.27
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			420	179.62
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT			117	117.38
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT			257	93.32
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	315	46.00-52.00	-	48.89	1,218	49.50
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	214	51.00-54.00	-	51.92	1,015	52.18
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			140	51.79
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			95	124.37

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Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading May 03, 2013 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
68.00 - 78.00	73.79	71.27

**NORTHEAST BROILER PARTS** Prices are trending firm for breast cuts; steady to firm for dark meat items and steady for tenders. Wings are weak. Trucklot buying activity improved slightly entering the weekend and still is noted as moderate overall. Offering of breast cuts are in good balance and clearing well; tenders and most dark meat items are sufficient for current needs. Wings are available and slow to clear. Movement is moderate.

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

May 02, 2013

ITEM	WTD TRADING*	VOL AVG**	/LBS.
BREAST - B/S	205	181.38	994,680
TENDERLOINS	180	181.21	201,560
BREAST - WITH RIBS	118-119	128.15	81,465
BREAST - LINE RUN	118	119.47	115,755
LEGS	72-73	71.83	90,920
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	51-52	53.60	314,680
DRUMSTICKS	65-66	70.25	125,320
THIGHS	73-74	86.00	54,400
B/S THIGHS	137-138	141.24	98,660
WINGS (WHOLE)	130-131	130.53	299,800
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	5,600
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	55.47	13,470
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	80.83	13,280

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. \*\* WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES & BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

May 03, 2013

ITEM	WTD TRADING*	VOL AVG**	/LBS.	WEEKLY WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS.
BREAST - B/S	205	184.63	832,840	178.53	4,525,700
TENDERLOINS	180	180.82	255,040	178.81	994,320
BREAST - WITH RIBS	118-119	129.30	51,848	128.01	322,700
BREAST - LINE RUN	118	120.14	74,637	118.19	457,474
LEGS	72-73	70.51	129,760	71.81	694,960
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	51-52	54.41	183,600	53.52	1,286,800
DRUMSTICKS	65-66	74.75	85,480	71.81	485,480
THIGHS	73-74	87.53	52,720	86.09	231,720
B/S THIGHS	137-138	140.26	84,520	139.98	438,220
WINGS (WHOLE)	130-131	137.94	230,960	136.44	1,461,580
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	3,680	18.00	26,240
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	57.42	7,710	56.91	52,000
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	79.28	23,080	79.55	100,020

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS**

	ESTIMATED (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WT		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WT	
	05/03	05/02	05/01	04/30	05/01	04/30	04/26	04/24	04/26	04/24
Alabama	3,742	3,718	3,534	3,635	5.74	5.76	3,922	5.89		
Arkansas	3,828	4,928	4,712	4,638	5.50	5.68	4,116	5.69		
Delmarva	2,011	2,031	2,016	2,018	6.25	6.27	1,878	6.17		
Ky-LA-TN	2,585	2,475	2,447	2,415	5.19	5.38	2,384	5.57		
Mississippi	2,855	2,794	2,745	2,778	6.13	6.16	2,207	6.04		
North Carolina	2,854	2,852	2,847	2,835	7.59	7.68	2,482	7.54		
Texas	2,516	2,351	2,295	2,319	5.78	5.83	2,361	5.80		
Total	20,391	21,149	20,596	20,638	5.98	6.07	19,350	6.08		
Mon-Friday	104,825 (A)						102,786 (A)			
Saturday	1,261 (included in total for date shown)						428			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 03-May-13 and 04-May-13 is estimated to be 30,507,000 head up 5.06 percent from a week ago and up 2.05 percent from a year ago. (Last week 29,037,000, last year 29,896,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 04-May-13 is estimated to be 156,830,000 head up 0.51 percent from a week ago, and up 3.37 percent from a year ago. (Last week 156,038,000, last year 151,715,000)

Actual data incorporated when available.

**NATIONAL FOWL MARKET**

**LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL**

Prices are trending at least steady. Supplies are sufficient for the moderate demand. Processing schedules normal. Retail feature activity is light to moderate entering the weekend with bulk of interest being in the Southeast regions. 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 13.96  
(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 no better than steady for the light to moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are sufficient for current needs. Processing schedules are normal. Movement of finished product sales are clearing satisfactorily. Market activity is slow to 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 UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

Week ending 27-Apr-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	47,680	52,131	27,851	28,376	156,038
Avg Live Wgt	3.72	5.45	6.79	8.54	5.72
% of total /1	31%	33%	18%	18%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	43,966	50,798	30,561	28,298	153,623
Avg Live Wgt	3.67	5.45	6.81	8.57	5.79
% of total /1	29%	33%	20%	18%	100%
Year Ago 2/	34,958	63,246	26,435	28,153	152,792
Avg Live Wgt	3.85	5.39	6.77	8.50	5.85
% of total /1	23%	41%	17%	18%	100%
To date/2013*	674,058	932,669	516,014	461,504	2,584,245
To date/2012*	612,041	1,094,010	460,836	387,151	2,554,038
% Change YTD	10%	-15%	12%	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 27-Apr-13

(Preliminary)	-----Thousands-----				Ducks
	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	
Head	156,038	2,061	1,470	3,531	384
Avg Wt	5.72	3.26	8.21	5.32	6.81
Last week	153,623	1,720	1,423	3,143	450
Same wk yr ago	152,792	1,998	1,429	3,427	428
Avg Wt	5.85	3.27	8.02	5.25	6.78
To-date/2013*	2,584,244	27,606	23,522	51,128	6,771
To-date/2012*	2,554,038	27,979	24,889	52,868	7,166
% Change YTD	1%	-1%	-5%	-3%	-6%

Dressing % 76.0% 54.0% 68.0% 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 153.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 157.9 million head, or 4.9 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/FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

Week Ending	Million Head Slaughtered	Million Head Available*	Pct	Avg Wt
03/23	156.0	153.2	102%	5.85
03/30	151.5	153.2	99%	5.64
04/06	153.5	152.9	100%	5.83
04/13	156.1	153.7	102%	5.81
04/20	155.5	153.6	101%	5.79
04/27	157.9	153.0	103%	5.72
Year to date	2614.1	2572.7	102%	
05/04		155.0		
05/11		155.0		

\*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

**BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

Under Federal Inspection (in thousands)

W/E	05/4/13	04/27/13	% chg	05/5/12	% chg
Broilers	156,830	156,038	+0.51	151,715 <sup>1</sup>	+3.37
Cattle	624	625	0	627 <sup>2</sup>	0
Hogs	2,098	2,148	-02	2,079 <sup>2</sup>	+01

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

For delivery the week of April 29, 2013

**DUCKLINGS:**

Prices Negotiated By First Receivers, US Grade A, 4-5 Lbs., Delivered In Trucklot &amp; 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 &amp; Plant Grade, 5 Lbs. &amp; Up, Delivered, Cents/Lb.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12/BOX)	90.00-115.25	92.00-112.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9/BOX)	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&amp; WV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS** Prices remain steady this week. Supplies are moderate on moderate to at times fairly good demand. 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 &amp; pool trucklot quantities, 4-5 lbs., cents/lb. Week of April 29, 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 30, 2012 Prices Paid Per Lb., Except As Noted

	RANGE	
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	-	1.90 lbs.
Turkey Poults	4.00 -	4.25 ea.
Pekin Ducks	4.50 -	6.50 ea.
Pullets 4-6LBS	-	.85 lbs.
Red Fowl 5-6LBS	.65 -	.90 lbs.
Red Fowl 4-5LBS	.50 -	.85 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11LBS	.80 -	1.20 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6LBS	1.00 -	1.05 lbs.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9LBS	.85 -	.95 lbs.
Banty Roosters	4.50 -	5.00 ea.
Banty Hens	3.00 -	4.00 ea.
Guinea Pigs	5.00 -	7.50 ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.70 -	1.80 lbs.
Kid Goats	49.00 -	60.00 ea.
Geese 9-14LBS	1.15 -	1.25 lbs.
Pigeons	3.50 -	4.10 ea.
White Pigeons	4.75 -	7.00 ea.
Chukars	3.50 -	4.25 ea.
Rabbits 6-9LBS	2.00 -	2.20 lbs.
Rabbits 4-6LBS	2.10 -	2.30 lbs.
Bunnies	8.00 -	15.00 ea.
Doves	3.00 -	4.00 ea.
Silkie	3.00 -	4.00 ea.
Goats	-	80.00 ea.
Turkeys	-	11.00 ea.
Guinea Keets	5.50 -	5.75 ea.
Chicks	.15 -	1.40 ea.
Quail	1.40 -	1.60 ea.
Love Birds	-	35.00 ea.
Parakeets	-	11.00 ea.
Broilers	.85 -	.90 lbs.
Peacocks	50.00 -	52.00 ea.
Ducklings	.50 -	.90 ea.
Pheasants	-	12.00 ea.
Goose Eggs	1.25 -	3.10 ea.
Fancy Bantams	10.00 -	12.00 ea.
Fancy Pigeons	-	25.00 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	-	2.05 lbs.
Total Coops Sold	4896	