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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Prices for whole broiler/fryer are firm to higher in the East and Midwest, steady to firm in the West. Offerings are in good balance and clearing well for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand covers the full range, but is mostly moderate to good entering the weekend. Floor stocks are balance to short. Market activity for whole birds is moderate to active. In the parts structure, movement is moderate to good while some dealers continue to have seasonal problems obtaining trucks for deliveries. Prices are trending steady to higher for wings, mostly firm, firm to higher for breast items and steady to firm for dark meat and tenders. Offering of breast cuts are in good balance to tight; wings and most dark meat items are light to moderate. Tenders are sufficient. Market activity for parts is moderate to active. 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 104.25 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**  
850                              99.98-109.86

104.53

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	213.50	1,528
BREASTS - B/S	218.50	6,290
BREASTS - WHOLE	132.50	1,234
THIGH MEAT - B/S	146.50	1,057
THIGHS	75.50	1,269
DRUMSTICKS	74.00	1,113
LEG QUARTERS	55.00	7,973
WINGS	134.50	3,260

## 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>	111.12	↑ 3.63	11,697	<b>Apr</b>	107.10
<b>Last Week:</b>	107.49		11,115		43,665
<b>Last Year:</b>	87.83	↑ 23.29	14,120		

### Eastern Region

	THIS WEEK					LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	98.25 - 134.00	110.00 - 116.00	112.93	↑ 3.81	5,696	109.12	5,606
WOGS:	98.25 - 130.00	111.00 - 115.00	112.49	↑ 3.91	1,494	108.58	1,394
<b>NEW YORK</b>							
Whole Body:	98.25 - 118.00	110.00 - 115.00	112.82	↑ 4.59	1,508	108.23	1,508

### Central Region

	THIS WEEK					LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	96.00 - 119.50	104.00 - 111.00	107.30	↑ 3.73	3,794	103.57	3,244
WOGS:	96.00 - 113.00	104.00 - 110.00	105.41	↑ 3.49	2,766	101.93	2,376
<b>CHICAGO</b>							
Whole Body:	100.00 - 119.50	105.00 - 112.00	108.54	↑ 4.77	2,360	103.76	1,980

### Western Region

	THIS WEEK					LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	104.00 - 130.00	109.00 - 114.00	113.00	↑ 3.92	2,207	109.08	2,265
WOGS:	104.00 - 119.00	111.00 - 114.00	111.54	↑ 4.22	1,947	107.32	2,036
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>							
Whole Body:	104.00 - 130.00	109.00 - 114.00	112.33	↑ 3.74	1,706	108.60	1,672

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.

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ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	145	202.00-207.00	-	204.76
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)	111	51.00-52.00	-	51.73
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	244	54.00-55.00	-	54.90
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 16, 2013 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
73.50 - 78.50	76.12

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 17, 2013

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	WEEKLY POUNDS (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	260	50.00-52.00	-	50.88	615	205.14
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			440	165.75
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT			90	126.67
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT			410	100.66
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	257	52.00-54.00	-	52.87	921	50.95
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			1,199	53.23
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			127	126.25
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			120	135.38
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			130	54.00
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			55	64.55
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			150	133.30

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Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading May 17, 2013 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
73.00 - 80.00	77.11	75.71

**NORTHEAST BROILER PARTS** Prices are trending firm to higher for breast cuts, tenders and wings; steady to firm for the balance of items. Trucklot buying activity is moderate to good with most dealers continuing to have seasonal problems of obtaining trucks for deliveries. Offering of breast cuts and wings are in close balance to short of trade needs; tenders are in good balance and most dark meat items are light to moderate and clearing well. Movement is moderate to active.

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

May 16, 2013

ITEM	WTD TRADING*	VOL AVG**	/LBS.
BREAST - B/S	225	201.23	965,600
TENDERLOINS	180-185	181.78	188,960
BREAST - WITH RIBS	128-129	136.49	95,448
BREAST - LINE RUN	128	131.13	76,692
LEGS	72-73	76.36	101,400
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	51-52	53.82	305,200
DRUMSTICKS	66-67	76.45	120,640
THIGHS	74-75	88.77	70,840
B/S THIGHS	144-145	142.68	115,360
WINGS (WHOLE)	133-134	132.02	356,480
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	5,900
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	55.82	12,780
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	79.84	22,960

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

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ITEM	WTD TRADING*	VOL AVG**	/LBS.	WEEKLY WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS.
BREAST - B/S	225	201.21	842,960	197.23	4,260,280
TENDERLOINS	185	181.27	236,600	180.99	943,880
BREAST - WITH RIBS	129-130	134.44	69,440	136.02	388,111
BREAST - LINE RUN	129	132.47	80,026	130.10	384,488
LEGS	72-73	78.57	47,340	74.01	416,620
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	51-52	53.43	252,225	53.64	1,352,405
DRUMSTICKS	66-67	76.59	122,080	73.91	556,280
THIGHS	74-75	89.23	69,040	87.95	324,420
B/S THIGHS	144-145	143.21	77,400	143.53	464,240
WINGS (WHOLE)	135-136	137.90	246,880	133.66	1,443,160
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	4,500	18.00	28,120
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	57.47	7,710	57.65	53,040
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	78.24	24,840	79.54	104,840

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS**

	ESTIMATED (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WT		ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WT
	05/17	05/16	05/15	05/14	05/15	05/14	05/10	05/08
Alabama	3,723	3,772	3,536	3,654	5.84	6.06	3,544	5.77
Arkansas	3,909	4,545	4,818	4,857	5.58	5.63	4,132	5.55
Delmarva	2,335	2,077	1,997	2,021	6.11	6.22	1,987	6.27
Ky-LA-TN	2,653	2,434	2,488	2,523	5.21	5.23	2,443	5.09
Mississippi	2,842	2,734	2,782	2,761	6.18	6.21	2,771	6.00
North Carolina	2,948	2,870	2,802	2,865	7.66	7.60	2,793	7.59
Texas	2,397	2,337	2,456	2,400	5.86	5.91	2,673	5.79
Total	20,807	20,769	20,879	21,081	6.02	6.09	20,343	5.96
Mon-Friday	105,345 (A)						104,173 (A)	
Saturday	1,601 (included in total for date shown)						826	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 17-May-13 and 18-May-13 is estimated to be 31,176,000 head up 1.97 percent from a week ago and down 2.49 percent from a year ago. (Last week 30,573,000, last year 31,971,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 18-May-13 is estimated to be 157,845,000 head up 0.68 percent from a week ago, and down 0.09 percent from a year ago. (Last week 156,778,000, last year 157,987,000)

Actual data incorporated when available.

**NATIONAL FOWL MARKET**

**LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL**

Prices are trending steady. Supplies are sufficient for the mostly moderate demand. Processing schedules normal. Retail feature activity is very, very light entering the weekend with bulk of interest being in the Northeast regions. Finished product supplies are moderate and moving well. Market activity is moderate.

**Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range Wtd Avg**  
Prices in cents per pound. 10.0-22.0 13.94  
(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 fair demand. Offerings of light type hens are at least sufficient for current needs. Processing schedules are normal. Movement of finished product sales are moderate. 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 11-May-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	39,746	58,711	27,255	31,066	156,778
Avg Live Wgt	3.82	5.43	6.73	8.58	5.87
% of total /1	25%	37%	17%	20%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	39,298	55,794	35,682	24,849	155,623
Avg Live Wgt	3.83	5.31	6.74	8.58	5.78
% of total /1	25%	36%	23%	16%	100%
Year Ago 2/	36,649	66,660	26,002	26,525	155,836
Avg Live Wgt	3.65	5.38	6.85	8.75	5.79
% of total /1	24%	43%	17%	17%	100%
To date/2013*	753,102	1,047,174	578,951	517,419	2,896,646
To date/2012*	685,772	1,226,704	513,176	435,937	2,861,589
% Change YTD	10%	-15%	13%	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 11-May-13

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	156,778	1,838	1,594	3,432	460
Avg Wt	5.87	3.15	7.97	5.39	6.83
Last week	155,623	1,714	1,417	3,131	413
Same wk yr ago	155,836	2,025	1,598	3,623	390
Avg Wt	5.79	3.11	7.60	5.09	6.90
To-date/2013*	2,896,645	31,158	26,533	57,691	7,644
To-date/2012*	2,861,589	31,874	27,998	59,872	8,000
% Change YTD	1%	-2%	-5%	-4%	-4%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	699,418	3,126	8,639	11,765	2,231
Last week	683,621	2,934	7,477	10,411	1,997
Same wk yr ago	681,229	3,306	8,319	11,625	1,951
To-date/2013*	12,795,373	53,265	140,660	193,925	36,893
To-date/2012*	12,350,423	53,328	147,973	201,301	39,002
% Change YTD	4%	0%	-5%	-4%	-5%

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 155.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 158.7 million head, or 3.7 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
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
05/04	157.5	155.0	102%	5.78
05/11	158.7	155.0	102%	5.87
Year to date	2930.3	2882.7	102%	
05/18		154.8		
05/25		154.6		

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

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

Under Federal Inspection (in thousands)

W/E	05/18/13	05/11/13	% chg	05/19/12	% chg
Broilers	157,845	156,778 <sup>1</sup>	+0.68	157,987 <sup>1</sup>	-0.09
Cattle	652	631	+03	644 <sup>2</sup>	+01
Hogs	2,035	2,078	-02	2,117 <sup>2</sup>	-04

<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 May 13, 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 are steady. Demand and supplies are 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 May 13, 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: May 14, 2012 Prices Paid Per Lb., Except As Noted

	RANGE		
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.75 -	2.10	lbs.
Goslings	4.00 -	7.00	ea.
Pekin Ducks	4.00 -	4.50	ea.
Pullets 4-6LBS	-	.90	lbs.
Red Fowl 5-6LBS	.95 -	1.10	lbs.
Red Fowl 4-5LBS	.70 -	.80	lbs.
Leghorn Roosters	-	4.00	ea.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11LBS	.80 -	.90	lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6LBS	1.60 -	1.80	lbs.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9LBS	.95 -	1.20	lbs.
Banty Roosters	5.00 -	6.00	ea.
Banty Hens	3.50 -	4.00	ea.
Guinea Pigs	6.00 -	8.00	ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.20 -	2.20	lbs.
Kid Goats	40.00 -	65.00	ea.
Geese 9-14LBS	1.50 -	1.60	lbs.
Pigeons	4.00 -	4.75	ea.
White Pigeons	6.00 -	7.00	ea.
Rabbits 6-9LBS	1.90 -	2.00	lbs.
Rabbits 4-6LBS	1.90 -	2.05	lbs.
Leghorn Hens	-	3.25	ea.
Bunnies	4.00 -	9.00	ea.
Doves	4.00 -	4.50	ea.
Silkie	4.00 -	4.50	ea.
Goats	-	105.00	ea.
Call Ducks	9.00 -	12.00	ea.
Guinea Keets	2.00 -	2.50	ea.
Chicks	.40 -	1.00	ea.
Quail	1.50 -	2.00	ea.
Parakeets	7.00 -	11.00	ea.
Broilers	.80 -	.90	lbs.
Ducklings	.60 -	1.00	ea.
Pheasants	7.00 -	18.00	ea.
Goose Eggs	2.50 -	3.50	ea.
Laying Pullets	2.00 -	4.00	ea.
Fancy Bantams	8.00 -	10.00	ea.
Fancy Pigeons	7.00 -	10.00	ea.
Turkey Poult	2.75 -	3.00	ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.80 -	2.20	lbs.
Total Coops Sold	8211		