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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Whole broiler/fryer prices are weak to lower in the East, steady to weak in the West, and Midwest. Offerings are moderate to heavy and slow to clear. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate entering the weekend. Floor stocks are closely balanced. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement improved slightly under normal weekend demand but still noted as light to moderate overall. Prices are steady to firm for thigh meat; at least steady for tenders and no better than steady for boneless skinless breast. Wings are steady to weak and bone-in-breast are weak to lower. Offerings of thigh meat are light to moderate and moving well; tenders and b/s breast are at least sufficient for current needs. Wings are moderate to heavy and bone-in breast are readily available. Market activity for parts is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed but mostly desirable weights.

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES

The quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is **106.50** cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
870	99.98-111.25	105.88

Confirmed PRELIMINARY weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	211.50	1,509
BREASTS - B/S	212.50	6,289
BREASTS - WHOLE	128.50	1,210
THIGH MEAT - B/S	152.50	1,045
THIGHS	75.00	1,218
DRUMSTICKS	74.50	1,079
LEG QUARTERS	54.00	7,909
WINGS	145.50	3,211

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

NATIONAL WHOLE BROILER/FRYER

EASTERN REGION	THIS WEEK					LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	75.00 - 123.00	96.00 - 103.00	101.35	↓ 1.37	5,379	102.72	5,351
WOGS:	75.00 - 121.00	97.00 - 103.00	100.05	↓ 1.11	1,308	101.16	1,398
NEW YORK							
Whole Body:	87.00 - 104.00	98.00 - 103.00	99.62	↓ 1.21	1,443	100.83	1,298
CENTRAL REGION	THIS WEEK					LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	70.00 - 114.00	81.00 - 96.00	91.80	↓ 3.83	3,557	95.63	2,923
WOGS:	70.00 - 107.00	81.00 - 92.00	89.28	↓ 5.02	2,674	94.30	2,420
CHICAGO							
Whole Body:	75.00 - 114.00	81.00 - 98.00	92.17	↓ 1.27	1,995	93.44	1,640
WESTERN REGION	THIS WEEK					LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	75.00 - 121.00	89.00 - 97.00	96.31	↓ 1.58	2,185	97.90	1,952
WOGS:	75.00 - 110.00	89.00 - 97.00	94.88	↓ 1.63	1,878	96.51	1,775
LOS ANGELES							
Whole Body:	75.00 - 121.00	90.00 - 97.00	94.62	↓ 1.31	1,572	95.93	1,300

EXPLANATORY NOTES

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.

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.

Jul 25, 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)	160	42.00-50.00	-	46.13
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	224	45.00-52.00	-	48.54
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 Jul 25, 2013 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
66.50 - 77.50	72.94

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.

Jul 26, 2013

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	WEEKLY POUNDS (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S		TOO FEW TO REPORT			332	179.91
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			300	191.72
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT			116	117.78
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT			196	100.08
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			634	48.26
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			784	49.82
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			95	136.05
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			51	159.12
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			44	53.32
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			30	129.10

Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading Jul 26, 2013 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
70.00 - 77.50	73.75	74.10

NORTHEAST BROILER PARTS Prices are trending steady to firm for thigh meat; at least steady for tenders and no better than steady for boneless skinless breast. Wings are steady to weak and bone-in breasts are weak to lower. Trucklot buying activity improved slightly under normal weekend demand but still noted as light to moderate overall. Offerings of thigh meat are light to moderate and moving well; tenders and boneless skinless breast are at least sufficient for current needs. Wings are moderate to heavy and bone-in breasts are readily available and slow to clear. Movement is slow.

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

Jul 25, 2013

ITEM	WTD TRADING*	VOL AVG**	/LBS.
BREAST - B/S	190	179.40	681,000
TENDERLOINS	185-190	190.73	167,360
BREAST - WITH RIBS	122-123	141.81	54,984
BREAST - LINE RUN	122	119.34	121,293
LEGS	72-73	71.94	88,520
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	49-50	51.78	338,680
DRUMSTICKS	66-67	75.14	95,160
THIGHS	74-75	83.92	49,960
B/S THIGHS	150-151	152.17	68,720
WINGS (WHOLE)	153-154	160.64	278,880
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	16.79	3,800
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	57.34	11,130
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	79.17	17,960

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.

Jul 26, 2013

ITEM	WTD TRADING*	VOL AVG**	/LBS.	WEEKLY WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS.
BREAST - B/S	190	178.14	744,640	177.70	3,813,640
TENDERLOINS	185-190	191.05	228,920	190.08	889,480
BREAST - WITH RIBS	121-122	140.38	35,066	141.71	214,494
BREAST - LINE RUN	121	122.10	77,948	122.08	463,360
LEGS	72-73	74.65	89,640	73.17	397,120
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	49-50	52.07	231,622	51.27	1,837,344
DRUMSTICKS	66-67	73.56	127,400	72.73	515,640
THIGHS	74-75	85.73	55,280	86.90	220,640
B/S THIGHS	150-151	151.76	65,440	151.29	391,440
WINGS (WHOLE)	152-153	162.55	238,760	161.44	1,217,080
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	17.00	8,800	17.40	22,240
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	55.37	7,350	56.77	44,595
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	79.54	17,760	79.78	88,360

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS

	ESTIMATED (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WT		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WT	
	07/26	07/25	07/24	07/23	07/24	07/23	07/19	07/17	07/24	07/23
Alabama	3,457	3,521	3,676	3,839	5.68	5.63	3,459	5.75		
Arkansas	3,677	4,899	4,859	4,765	5.45	5.60	3,739	5.47		
Delmarva	2,077	2,100	2,050	2,069	6.05	6.04	2,001	6.09		
Ky-LA-TN	2,468	2,474	2,552	2,436	5.06	5.20	2,451	5.05		
Mississippi	3,275	2,873	2,811	2,844	6.18	6.25	2,593	6.00		
North Carolina	2,914	2,907	2,881	2,850	7.35	7.39	2,821	7.37		
Texas	2,661	2,441	2,230	2,428	5.43	5.75	2,345	5.76		
Total	20,529	21,215	21,059	21,231	5.86	5.95	19,409	5.89		
Mon-Friday	105,647 (A)						103,746 (A)			
Saturday	840 (included in total for date shown)						286			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 26-Jul-13 and 27-Jul-13 is estimated to be 30,760,000 head up 5.45 percent from a week ago and down 6.40 percent from a year ago. (Last week 29,169,000, last year 32,862,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 27-Jul-13 is estimated to be 158,297,000 head up 0.71 percent from a week ago, and up 1.53 percent from a year ago. (Last week 157,180,000, last year 155,915,000)

Actual data incorporated when available.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKET

LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL Prices are trending about steady to steady. Supplies are mostly moderate to instances heavy for the moderate demand. Processing schedules increased slightly due to some Saturday operations. Retail feature activity is light entering the weekend with the majority of interest being in the Southeast and South Central regions. Finished product supplies are adequate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound. 10.0-21.5 13.90
(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 mostly steady for the light demand. Offerings of light type hens are fully sufficient for current needs. Processing schedules are normal. Movement of finished product sales are adequate. Market activity is slow to moderate. The majority price for removal costs continued unchanged at 0-7 cents per head. Retail feature activity was light.

(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 20-Jul-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	47,559	54,961	25,035	28,361	155,916
Avg Live Wgt	3.81	5.48	6.83	8.50	5.74
% of total /1	31%	35%	16%	18%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	41,732	61,849	22,767	31,718	158,066
Avg Live Wgt	3.76	5.46	6.82	8.56	5.83
% of total /1	26%	39%	14%	20%	100%
Year Ago 2/	38,856	65,866	30,507	23,424	158,653
Avg Live Wgt	3.80	5.30	6.75	8.42	5.67
% of total /1	24%	42%	19%	15%	100%
To date/2013*	1,173,740	1,613,597	834,963	810,393	4,432,693
To date/2012*	1,076,987	1,861,367	797,971	667,502	4,403,827
% Change YTD	9%	-13%	5%	21%	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 20-Jul-13

(Preliminary)	Thousands				Ducks
	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	
Head	155,915	1,436	1,661	3,097	378
Avg Wt	5.74	3.24	8.21	5.91	6.81
Last week	158,066	1,479	1,483	2,962	470
Same wk yr ago	158,653	1,295	1,756	3,051	401
Avg Wt	5.67	2.89	7.95	5.80	6.85
To-date/2013*	4,432,693	44,774	41,293	86,067	12,164
To-date/2012*	4,403,827	46,425	45,101	91,526	12,083
% Change YTD	1%	-4%	-8%	-6%	1%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	680,164	2,536	9,341	11,877	1,853
Last week	700,359	2,692	8,218	10,910	2,261
Same wk yr ago	679,170	2,021	9,563	11,584	1,991
To-date/2013*	19,559,275	76,944	221,498	298,442	58,518
To-date/2012*	18,967,708	78,222	238,457	316,679	58,466
% Change YTD	3%	-2%	-7%	-6%	0%

Dressing % 76.0% 54.5% 68.5% 72.0%

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 156.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 157.8 million head, or 1.1 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
06/15	158.8	155.0	102%	5.84
06/22	157.1	155.3	101%	5.85
06/29	163.5	155.8	105%	5.80
07/06	139.9	154.8	90%	5.72
07/13	160.0	154.8	103%	5.83
07/20	157.8	156.7	101%	5.74
Year to date	4485.2	4433.8	101%	
07/27		156.7		
08/03		158.2		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection (in thousands)

W/E	07/27/13	07/20/13	% chg	07/28/12	% chg
Broilers	158,297	157,180 ¹	+0.71	155,915 ¹	+1.53
Cattle	641	651	-01	634 ²	+01
Hogs	1,988	2,007	-01	2,010 ²	-01

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

For delivery the week of July 22, 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)	80.00-105.00	83.00-103.00
	83.00-107.00	86.00-106.00

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,VW

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS

Prices are steady. Demand is at seasonal patterns and usually reported as light to moderate. Supplies remain moderate. Processing schedules are normal. Market activity is moderate. Prices paid, first receivers for 10-18 oz. boneless breast at \$5.52-8.80, bone-in legs at \$3.45-4.00, gizzards at \$1.20-1.80, wings at \$.80-.95, livers at \$1.25-2.05, and feet \$.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 July 22, 2013

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST & OTHERS	179-219	184-224

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION

All Papers Required To Sell All Out Of State Poultry

Date of Auction: July 23, 2013 Prices Paid Per Lb., Except As Noted

	RANGE	
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.25 -	1.60 lbs.
Turkey Poults	.50 -	.90 ea.
Pekin Ducks	-	4.00 ea.
Pullets 4-6LBS	-	1.30 lbs.
Red Fowl 5-6LBS	.50 -	.65 lbs.
Red Fowl 4-5LBS	.40 -	.60 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11LBS	1.20 -	1.30 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6LBS	1.10 -	1.70 lbs.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9LBS	.60 -	.70 lbs.
Banty Roosters	4.00 -	5.00 ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 -	4.00 ea.
Guinea Pigs	3.00 -	7.50 ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.50 -	1.70 lbs.
Kid Goats	35.00 -	40.00 ea.
Geese 9-14LBS	1.40 -	1.50 lbs.
Pigeons	3.00 -	3.50 ea.
White Pigeons	4.00 -	4.50 ea.
Rabbits 6-9LBS	1.20 -	1.25 lbs.
Rabbits 4-6LBS	1.20 -	1.30 lbs.
Leghorn Hens	-	3.00 ea.
Bunnies	.25 -	2.00 ea.
Doves	2.00 -	3.00 ea.
Silkies	2.00 -	3.00 ea.
Goats	60.00 -	110.00 ea.
Turkeys	4.00 -	5.00 ea.
Call Ducks	-	10.00 ea.
Guinea Keets	2.00 -	4.50 ea.
Chicks	.15 -	.60 ea.
Quail	2.00 -	2.50 ea.
Parakeets	4.00 -	8.00 ea.
Broilers	-	1.25 lbs.
Peacocks	-	35.00 ea.
Pheasants	10.00 -	15.00 ea.
Laying Pullets	-	8.50 ea.
Fancy Bantams	6.00 -	8.00 ea.
Fancy Pigeons	8.00 -	12.00 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.40 -	1.50 lbs.
Total Coops Sold		4372