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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady to weak in the West, steady elsewhere. Offerings of all sizes are light to moderate. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate following the Thanksgiving holiday. Floor stocks are balanced. Market activity is seasonally slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light and unaggressive. Prices are trending generally steady for most items. Offerings of breast cuts and tenders are mostly moderate. Wings and dark meat items are moderate to heavy. 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 **104.25** cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

**\*\*\*The Georgia Poultry Market News will be closed November 28th & 29th. The next report will be on Monday, December 2nd.\*\*\***

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

### NATIONAL WHOLE BROILER/FRYER - COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
<b>This Week:</b>	94.44	↓ 0.68	10,905
<b>Last Week:</b>	95.12		11,726
<b>Last Year:</b>	98.21	↓ 3.77	13,441

### Monthly Composite Weighted Average

<b>Nov</b>	93.72		46,011
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## 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:	86.00 - 121.00	93.00 - 102.00	98.24	↑ 0.04	5,242	98.20	5,361
WOGS:	87.00 - 117.00	93.00 - 99.00	96.67	↑ 0.25	1,241	96.42	1,290
<b>NEW YORK</b>							
Whole Body:	89.00 - 101.00	95.00 - 99.00	96.76	↑ 0.56	1,352	96.20	1,368
CENTRAL REGION		THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	78.00 - 107.25	83.00 - 92.00	89.06	↓ 1.64	4,032	90.70	4,416
WOGS:	78.00 - 105.00	85.00 - 92.00	87.54	↓ 2.15	3,197	89.68	3,561
<b>CHICAGO</b>							
Whole Body:	78.00 - 107.25	83.00 - 92.00	89.95	↓ 0.66	2,355	90.62	2,475
WESTERN REGION		THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	78.00 - 110.00	90.00 - 97.00	95.55	↓ 1.16	1,631	96.70	1,949
WOGS:	78.00 - 100.00	90.00 - 97.00	93.92	↓ 1.62	1,420	95.54	1,740
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>							
Whole Body:	78.00 - 108.00	90.00 - 97.00	94.03	↓ 1.79	1,276	95.82	1,634

### 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.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	WTD RANGE	MAJ	AVG	WEEKLY POUNDS (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	310	111.00-135.00	-	119.42	910	122.44
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			324	135.55
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT			160	86.25
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT			158	89.10
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			144	48.82
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	198	35.00-41.00	-	37.73	776	37.89
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	175	40.00-46.00	-	42.11	701	42.06
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			175	99.14
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			340	116.74
DRUMSTICKS	130	38.00-39.00	-	38.62	557	38.54
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			152	120.84

Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading Nov 29, 2013 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
61.50 - 66.00	63.40	63.49

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 PARTS** Prices are trending steady for most items. Trucklot buying activity is generally light and unaggressive as dealers were selective and attempted to maintain balanced floor stocks entering the weekend. Offerings of breast cuts and tenders are moderate for current needs; wings and dark meat items are moderate to heavy. Movement is seasonally slow.

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

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS.	WEEKLY WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS.
BREAST - B/S	145-150	122.67	600,240	125.42	3,039,900
TENDERLOINS	135-140	137.50	128,760	139.98	750,040
BREAST - WITH RIBS	96-97	111.68	42,176	112.68	183,541
BREAST - LINE RUN	96	97.63	72,000	97.79	295,479
LEGS	65-66	60.85	124,800	59.07	572,460
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	44.17	557,382	43.22	1,745,060
DRUMSTICKS	45-46	55.84	85,440	53.40	473,873
THIGHS	64-65	78.02	61,940	78.76	190,340
B/S THIGHS	122-123	123.69	59,040	125.99	345,080
WINGS (WHOLE)	111-112	123.80	334,920	122.29	1,307,540
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	4,500	18.00	16,900
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	57.39	13,460	56.29	60,005
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	79.40	22,060	79.06	103,540

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.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS**

	ESTIMATED (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WT		ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WT
	11/29	11/28	11/27	11/26	11/27	11/26	11/22	11/20
Alabama	3,047	(A)	3,491	3,789	5.82	5.80	3,817	5.91
Arkansas	3,819	(A)	4,915	4,953	5.71	5.76	4,223	5.72
Delmarva	2,068	(A)	2,122	2,162	6.31	6.33	2,662	6.35
Ky-LA-TN	2,283	(A)	2,291	2,512	5.22	5.17	2,472	4.86
Mississippi	2,127	(A)	2,597	2,771	6.05	6.19	2,725	6.25
North Carolina	2,401	(A)	2,644	2,745	7.71	7.72	3,294	7.72
Texas	2,231	(A)	2,274	2,419	5.89	6.06	2,164	5.23
Total	17,976	257	20,334	21,351	6.06	6.10	21,357	6.05
Mon-Friday	82,092	(B)					101,719	(B)
Saturday	1,792	(included in total for date shown)					1,489	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 29-Nov-13 and 30-Nov-13 is estimated to be 26,935,000 head down 16.08 percent from a week ago and down 12.54 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,096,000, last year 30,798,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 30-Nov-13 is estimated to be 123,003,000 head down 19.62 percent from a week ago, and down 19.81 percent from a year ago. (Last week 153,024,000, last year 153,396,000)

Actual data incorporated when available.

**NATIONAL FOWL MARKET**

**LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL**

Prices are trending generally steady. Supplies are sufficient for the mostly moderate demand. Processing schedules were reduced due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Finished product supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate. Retail feature activity is very light..

**Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range Wtd Avg**  
Prices in cents per pound. 10.5-22.0 13.97

(Southeast Region broiler breeder hens generally for processing, 7 lbs. and up; under 7 lbs. subject to discount.)  
Southeast Region = AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, AND VA.

**LIVE SPENT LIGHT FOWL**

Prices are trending steady for the seasonally light to fair demand. Offerings of light type hens are light to moderate for current needs. Processing schedules were reduced due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Movement of finished product sales is fair. Market activity is moderate. The majority price for removal costs remained unchanged at 0-7 cents per head. Feature activity is moderate to good.

(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 23-Nov-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	44,293	56,416	25,227	27,088	153,024
Avg Live Wgt	3.62	5.43	6.79	8.75	5.72
% of total /1	29%	37%	16%	18%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	41,889	48,947	30,156	32,490	153,482
Avg Live Wgt	3.45	5.41	6.72	8.91	5.87
% of total /1	27%	32%	20%	21%	100%
Year Ago 2/	28,365	50,087	24,348	21,050	123,850
Avg Live Wgt	3.88	5.42	6.83	8.45	5.86
% of total /1	23%	40%	20%	17%	100%
To date/2013*	1,952,888	2,563,080	1,420,601	1,324,522	7,261,091
To date/2012*	1,741,752	2,926,888	1,370,346	1,105,584	7,144,571
% Change YTD	12%	-12%	4%	20%	2%

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 23-Nov-13

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	Thousands				
Head	153,024	1,081	1,303	2,384	511
Avg Wt	5.72	3.22	8.07	5.87	6.51
Last week	153,482	1,034	1,503	2,537	393
Same wk yr ago	123,851	674	772	1,446	376
Avg Wt	5.86	3.37	8.19	5.94	6.82
To-date/2013*	7,261,092	68,653	69,769	138,422	20,489
To-date/2012*	7,144,572	68,664	74,797	143,461	19,367
% Change YTD	2%	0%	-7%	-4%	6%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	665,226	1,880	7,203	9,083	2,379
Last week	684,714	1,843	8,329	10,172	1,964
Same wk yr ago	547,952	1,227	4,141	5,368	1,833
To-date/2013*	32,051,834	118,607	378,891	497,498	98,602
To-date/2012*	30,962,733	116,630	390,581	507,211	93,316
% Change YTD	4%	2%	-3%	-2%	6%

Dressing % 76.0% 54.0% 68.5% 71.5%

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 151.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 154.9 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
10/19	159.9	157.9	101%	6.04
10/26	160.7	156.7	103%	5.82
11/02	159.9	155.4	103%	5.84
11/09	159.0	156.0	102%	6.00
11/16	155.3	155.0	100%	5.87
11/23	154.9	151.2	102%	5.72
Year to date	7347.9	7254.1	101%	
11/30		149.6		
12/07		147.6		

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

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

Under Federal Inspection (in thousands)

W/E	11/30/13	11/23/13	% chg	12/01/12	% chg
Broilers	123,003	153,024 <sup>1</sup>	-19.62	153,396 <sup>1</sup>	-19.81
Cattle	555	620	-10	639 <sup>2</sup>	-13
Hogs	2,068	2,345	-12	2,398 <sup>2</sup>	-14

<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 November 25, 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.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12/BOX)	77.00-98.25	79.00-89.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9/BOX)	79.00-99.50	84.00-91.00

**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 continue steady this week. Demand and supplies are light to moderate. Processing schedules are reduced due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Market activity is slow to 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 November 25, 2013

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST & OTHERS	184-219	189-224

**GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION**

\*\*\*All Papers Required To Sell All Out Of State Poultry\*\*\*

Date of Auction: November 26, 2013 Prices Paid Per Lb., Except As Noted

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.70 - 1.90 lbs.
Laying Pullets	- 3.00 ea.
Pekin Ducks	2.50 - 2.75 ea.
Pullets 4-6LBS	1.40 - 1.45 lbs.
Red Fowl 4-5LBS	.35 - .45 lbs.
Leghorn Roosters	2.50 - 3.50 ea.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11LBS	.80 - 1.00 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6LBS	1.30 - 1.45 lbs.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9LBS	.50 - .75 lbs.
Banty Roosters	4.25 - 5.00 ea.
Banty Hens	- 2.00 ea.
Guinea Pigs	5.50 - 7.50 ea.
Guinea Fowl	- 1.90 lbs.
Kid Goats	- 75.00 ea.
Pigeons	3.00 - 3.25 ea.
White Pigeons	- 4.00 ea.
Rabbits 6-9LBS	1.80 - 1.90 lbs.
Rabbits 4-6LBS	1.85 - 2.00 lbs.
Leghorn Hens	- 1.50 ea.
Bunnies	1.00 - 3.00 ea.
Silkies	- 4.00 ea.
Goats	- 115.00 ea.
Turkeys	25.00 - 35.00 ea.
Call Ducks	- 6.00 ea.
Chicks	.05 - .15 ea.
Love Birds	16.00 - 18.00 ea.
Parakeets	3.00 - 5.00 ea.
Broilers	1.40 - 1.45 lbs.
Pheasants	7.50 - 13.00 ea.
Goose Eggs	3.00 - 4.50 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.60 - 1.80 lbs.

Total Coops Sold 2260