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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady to no better than steady in the East, steady in the West and about steady in the Midwest. Offerings of all sizes are light to moderate for current trade needs. Retail demand is light to moderate for mid-week business. Food service demand is light to good, mostly light to moderate. Floor stocks are mixed with buyers very cautious in their purchasing. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light and unaggressive. Prices are trending steady to lower for bone-in-breast, steady to weak for b/s breast, drums and thigh meat and generally steady for the balance of parts. Offerings of whole breast are available and slow to clear. Tenders are light to moderate and b/s breast, 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 F.O.B. DOCK** The quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading is unchanged at 104.25 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 97.50 cents last year on December 5, 2012.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	181.50
BREASTS - B/S	177.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	102.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	140.50
THIGHS	69.50
DRUMSTICKS	62.50
LEG QUARTERS	49.50
WINGS	121.00

Information supplied by the GA Dept. of Ag's Poultry Market News Service.

## NATIONAL FOWL MARKET 29-Nov-2013

### 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 07-Dec-13

Class	CW: 12/07/13(1) ----- Thousand head -----	PW: 11/30/13
Broiler/fryer	154,646(2)	134,738
Light hens	1,779	628
Heavy hens	1,522	990
Total	157,947	136,356

(1)Estimated

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 07-Dec-13 is 157.3 million head compared to 155.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 155.0 million head or -2.3 million less than estimated available. For the week of 14-Dec-13 the estimated available is 149.7 million head.

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** - Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 11-Jan-14 is estimated at 144.0 million head. This compares to 144.8 million head the previous week and to 145.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 155.1 million head and the national weighted average price was 96.17 cents per pound.

## MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending November 29, 2013

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/Gizzards	Hens
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	73.41	152.37	96.96	45.02	10.39	103.89
High	76.18	166.22	114.28	55.41	13.85	103.89
Mostly	76.18	159.29	107.35	48.48	10.39	103.89
<b>SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	72.72	152.37	96.96	41.55	10.39	103.89
High	75.15	162.76	110.81	51.94	13.85	103.89
Mostly	75.15	155.83	103.89	45.02	10.39	103.89
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	74.45	155.83	100.42	48.48	13.85	103.89
High	77.22	169.68	117.74	58.87	17.31	103.89
Mostly	76.18	162.76	110.81	51.94	13.85	103.89
<b>BECERRA</b>						
Low	75.49	155.83	103.89	51.94	13.85	103.89
High	77.92	173.15	117.74	62.33	17.31	103.89
Mostly	76.18	166.22	110.81	55.41	13.85	103.89

## WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers

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

	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed other Poultry LBS
AM 12/02/13	69,514	54,782
AM 11/01/13	133,226	46,495
CHG	-63712	8287
PCT CHG	-48%	18%

## COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - PACIFIC WITHOUT DENVER

	Proc. Turkeys (000)			Proc. other Poultry (000)		
	12/02/13	11/25/13	12/03/12	12/02/13	11/25/13	12/03/12
Pacific Coast	1032	1066	337	5712	5747	1230
Los Angeles	28	13	197	1296	1251	417

## BROILER HATCHERY

Week Ending 01/30/13

### Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the 19 State Total Down Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 201 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 30, 2013. This was down 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.

### Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the 19 State Total Down 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 157 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 30, 2013. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2012 through November 30, 2013 for the 19 State total were 7.85 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

19 State Total (1,000 eggs)	2013	2012	% PY	19 State Total (1,000 chicks)	2013	2012	% PY
Eggs Set.....	200,938	198,243	0	Chicks Placed.....	156,701	159,552	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

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER PARTS** F.O.B. Dock or Equivalent, Iced-Packed, Prices Shown Are Day of Shipment (Includes Current & Prior Negotiations), Trucklot and Less Than Trucklot Volume, Cents per Pound.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	307	111.00-135.00	-	120.00
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)	217	35.00-42.00	-	37.89
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	192	40.00-46.00	-	42.25
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS	91	38.00-42.00	-	38.48
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	225	112.00-135.00	-	121.66
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)	225	35.00-42.00	-	37.79
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	199	40.00-46.00	-	42.17
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS	104	38.00-42.00	-	38.43
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for Dec 3, 2013 -- f.o.b. dock.

Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for Dec 4, 2013 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
62.00 - 66.50	63.75

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
61.50 - 67.50	63.59	63.62

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 weak to lower for bone-in breasts; steady to weak for boneless skinless breast and wings. Other items are generally steady. Trucklot buying activity was light and unaggressive as dealers were cautious and selective. Offerings of tenders are light to moderate and clearing satisfactorily; bone-in breast are available and slow in clearing, boneless skinless breasts, wings and dark meat items are moderate to heavy for current needs. Movement is slow to moderate.

Ice Packed Broiler/Fryer Parts, Delivered to First Receivers in Pool Trucklot and Trucklot Quantities, Cents per Pound

ITEM	NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	127.55	1,151,280
TENDERLOINS	135-140	141.28	259,280
BREAST - WITH RIBS	96-97	111.10	69,537
BREAST - LINE RUN	96	97.66	75,287
LEGS	65-66	57.80	168,040
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	42.63	589,013
DRUMSTICKS	45-46	52.53	122,680
THIGHS	64-65	76.02	32,560
B/S THIGHS	122-123	127.04	125,400
WINGS (WHOLE)	111-112	121.40	290,560
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	5,000
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	59.26	950
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	79.93	25,880

ITEM	NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	126.00	583,980
TENDERLOINS	135-140	137.92	155,720
BREAST - WITH RIBS	95-96	111.94	36,206
BREAST - LINE RUN	95	96.74	75,673
LEGS	65-66	57.67	183,840
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	43.52	128,360
DRUMSTICKS	45-46	55.73	51,900
THIGHS	64-65	80.52	18,020
B/S THIGHS	122-123	127.09	65,640
WINGS (WHOLE)	111-112	123.66	257,760
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	3,920
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	57.19	10,420
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	79.89	15,180

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.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS**

	Estimated		Actual		Avg. Wt.	Actual		Avg. Wt.
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)		(1,000)	(1,000)	
Alabama	12/04	12/03	12/02	11/29	12/02	11/29	11/27	11/25
Arkansas	3,551	3,826	3,746	2,928	6.06	5.23	3,491	5.85
Delmarva	4,888	4,897	4,698	4,026	5.93	4.96	4,915	5.81
KY-LA-TN	2,105	2,140	2,085	2,095	6.59	6.36	2,122	6.29
Mississippi	2,388	2,441	2,506	2,702	5.22	4.80	2,291	5.30
North Carolina	2,331	2,702	2,713	2,134	6.34	5.76	2,597	6.37
Texas	2,895	2,911	2,779	2,196	7.86	7.21	2,644	7.74
Total	2,390	2,433	2,347	2,181	6.03	6.35	2,274	6.14
Mon-Wed	20,548	21,350	20,874	18,262	6.26	5.67	20,334	6.17
	63,060 (A)						63,205 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 04-Dec-13 is estimated to be 30,788,000 head up 0.75 percent from a week ago and up 1.64 percent from a year ago. (Last week 30,559,000, last year 30,290,000)

**HACKETTSTOWN, NJ - POULTRY AUCTION** for 12-03-13

\*All Papers Required to Sell All Out of State Poultry

	Low High Avg			Low High Avg			
Heavy Fowl lb.	0.26	0.50	0.36	Heavy Fowl ea.	0.50	5.00	1.80
Light Fowl lb.	-	-	-	Light Fowl ea.	-	-	-
Mixed Fowl lb.	-	-	-	Mixed Fowl ea.	-	-	-
Bantams lb.	-	-	-	Bantams ea.	1.50	3.50	2.22
Broilers lb.	-	-	-	Broilers ea.	-	-	-
Roasters lb.	-	-	-	Roasters ea.	-	-	-
Fryers lb.	-	-	-	Fryers ea.	-	-	-
Chicks lb.	-	-	-	Chicks ea.	-	-	-
Pullets lb.	-	-	-	Pullets ea.	3.50	6.00	5.17
Bunnies lb.	-	-	-	Bunnies ea.	1.25	4.00	2.29
Roosters lb.	-	-	-	Roosters ea.	1.50	8.50	4.61
Geese lb.	-	-	-	Geese ea.	-	26.50	-
Turkeys lb.	-	-	-	Turkeys ea.	-	-	-
Ducks lb.	-	-	-	Ducks ea.	-	-	-
Rabbits lb.	1.00	2.50	1.63	Rabbits ea.	1.00	3.00	2.25
Pigeons lb.	-	-	-	Pigeons ea.	1.00	5.00	2.28
Guinea Fowl lb.	-	-	-	Guinea Fowl ea.	-	-	-
Ducklings lb.	-	-	-	Ducklings ea.	-	-	-
Guinea Keets ea.	-	-	-	Call Ducks ea.	-	-	-
Silkie ea.	-	-	-	Goslings ea.	-	-	-
Guinea Pigs ea.	4.00	4.50	4.16	Turkey Poult ea.	-	-	-
Chukars ea.	-	-	-	Peacocks ea.	-	-	-
Partridges ea.	-	-	-	Cockatiels ea.	-	-	-
Doves ea.	-	-	-	Pheasants ea.	-	17.00	-
Quail ea.	-	-	-	Ferrets ea.	-	-	-
Chinchillas ea.	-	-	-	Mice ea.	-	-	-
Peafowl ea.	-	-	-	Guinea Fowl Eggs (doz)	-	-	-
Quail Eggs ea.	-	-	-	Emu ea.	-	-	-
Hamsters ea.	-	-	-				

Total Pieces Sold 284