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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Whole broiler/fryer prices are about steady to steady in the East, steady to weak in the West and steady to slightly lower in the Midwest. Offerings of all sizes are light to more available. Retail demand is light to moderate entering the weekend as inclement winter weather moves into parts of the East. Food service demand is light to good, mostly light to moderate. Some are pondering the market ramifications early next week from the winter storm that hit the Central region the end of the week. Floor stocks are mixed. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement increased entering the weekend but remained light to fair as dealers continued with cautious. Prices are trending weak to lower for bone-in breast; weak for legs and leg quarters and steady for the balance of items. Offerings of tenders are light to moderate and moving well; bone-in breast are readily available and slow to clear; wings and b/s breast are at least sufficient. Most 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.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT PRELIM. WTD. AVG.

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
882	99.75-110.30	104.37

Confirmed PRELIMINARY weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
Line Run Tendere	191.00	1,510
Breasts - B/S	192.50	6,222
Breasts - Whole	108.00	1,210
Thigh Meat - B/S	143.50	1,045
Thighs	72.50	1,218
Drumsticks	71.00	1,079
Leg Quarters	50.50	7,909
Wings	123.00	3,211

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.	
This Week:	95.02	↑ 0.58	11,470	
Last Week:	94.44		10,905	
Last Year:	96.17	↓ 1.15	13,441	
Monthly Composite Weighted Average				
Nov	93.72		46,011	

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:	80.00 - 121.00	93.00 - 102.00	98.56	↑ 0.33	5,362	98.24	5,242		
WOGS:	87.00 - 117.00	94.00 - 99.00	97.23	↑ 0.56	1,367	96.67	1,241		
NEW YORK									
Whole Body:	89.00 - 101.00	95.00 - 99.00	96.75	↓ 0.01	1,365	96.76	1,352		
CENTRAL REGION			THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK		
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.		
Whole Body:	81.00 - 107.25	85.00 - 92.00	90.45	↑ 1.39	3,632	89.06	4,032		
WOGS:	81.00 - 105.00	85.00 - 92.00	88.62	↑ 1.08	2,717	87.54	3,197		
CHICAGO									
Whole Body:	81.00 - 107.25	83.00 - 93.00	91.05	↑ 1.09	2,235	89.95	2,355		
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	94.04	↓ 1.50	2,476	95.55	1,631		
WOGS:	78.00 - 100.00	90.00 - 96.00	92.88	↓ 1.04	2,265	93.92	1,420		
LOS ANGELES									
Whole Body:	78.00 - 108.00	90.00 - 95.00	92.65	↓ 1.38	1,841	94.03	1,276		

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.

Dec 05, 2013

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	259	112.00-135.00	-	120.56
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)	183	34.00-42.00	-	37.39
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	223	38.00-46.00	-	41.74
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS	109	38.00-42.00	-	38.46
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for Dec 05, 2013 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
61.00 - 67.50	63.28

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.

Dec 06, 2013

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	WEEKLY POUNDS (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	301	112.00-135.00	-	119.70	1,422	120.16
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			416	137.12
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT			200	85.40
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT			191	89.45
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			202	48.92
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	301	34.00-42.00	-	36.56	1,140	37.44
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	210	40.00-46.00	-	41.97	1,019	42.08
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			224	99.15
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			410	116.82
DRUMSTICKS	117	38.00-42.00	-	38.41	512	38.45
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TFEWR
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TFEWR

Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading Dec 06, 2013 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
61.00 - 67.50	63.01	63.47

NORTHEAST BROILER PARTS Prices are trending weak to lower for bone-in breasts; weak for legs and leg quarters and steady for the balance of items. Trucklot buying activity increased entering the weekend but remained light to fair as dealers continued with a cautious and selective posture and brace for inclement winter weather moving into the area. Offerings of tenders are light to moderate and moving well; bone-in breast are readily available and slow to clear; wings and boneless skinless breasts are at least sufficient and most dark meat items are moderate to heavy with legs and leg quarters noted as slightly more available. Movement is slow to moderate.

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

Dec 05, 2013

ITEM	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS.
BREAST - B/S	145-150	125.95	986,560
TENDERLOINS	135-140	141.89	197,560
BREAST - WITH RIBS	94-95	108.46	53,149
BREAST - LINE RUN	94	94.49	73,107
LEGS	64-65	60.20	133,720
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	40-41	42.49	277,066
DRUMSTICKS	45-46	55.09	218,524
THIGHS	64-65	80.60	44,640
B/S THIGHS	122-123	129.35	81,200
WINGS (WHOLE)	111-112	120.11	335,680
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	3,060
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	55.47	13,780
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	79.06	19,240

Dec 06, 2013

ITEM	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS.	WEEKLY WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS.
BREAST - B/S	145-150	126.93	685,320	126.64	4,300,401
TENDERLOINS	135-140	139.43	240,360	140.66	1,082,760
BREAST - WITH RIBS	92-93	110.16	58,414	110.29	268,755
BREAST - LINE RUN	92	94.14	77,817	96.28	379,428
LEGS	64-65	59.56	127,160	59.36	753,400
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	40-41	44.27	200,800	43.09	1,441,639
DRUMSTICKS	45-46	51.29	138,693	53.09	648,477
THIGHS	64-65	79.12	65,520	79.26	210,620
B/S THIGHS	122-123	128.57	71,800	126.66	428,880
WINGS (WHOLE)	111-112	122.31	257,520	121.63	1,380,280
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	5,000	18.00	21,480
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	57.18	10,440	56.94	47,620
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	80.04	21,440	79.81	109,980

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
	12/06	12/05	12/04	12/03	12/04	12/03	11/29	11/27
Alabama	3,699	3,498	3,596	3,775	5.89	5.90	2,928	5.82
Arkansas	3,633	4,477	4,768	4,898	5.75	5.85	4,026	5.71
Delmarva	2,093	2,112	2,110	2,113	6.35	6.32	2,095	6.31
Ky-LA-TN	2,091	2,370	2,473	2,482	5.20	5.13	2,702	5.22
Mississippi	2,607	2,483	2,153	2,564	6.44	6.20	2,134	6.05
North Carolina	3,643	2,856	2,846	2,855	7.80	7.88	2,196	7.71
Texas	2,810	2,417	2,321	2,343	5.92	6.01	2,181	5.89
Total	20,576	20,213	20,267	21,030	6.15	6.16	18,262	6.06
Mon-Friday	103,849 (A)						81,841 (A)	
Saturday	1,794 (included in total for date shown)						1,864	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 06-Dec-13 and 07-Dec-13 is estimated to be 30,830,000 head up 12.33 percent from a week ago and up 5.86 percent from a year ago. (Last week 27,445,000, last year 29,123,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 07-Dec-13 is estimated to be 155,603,000 head up 26.51 percent from a week ago, and up 1.55 percent from a year ago. (Last week 122,995,000, last year 153,222,000)

Actual data incorporated when available.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKET

LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL Prices are trending mostly steady. Supplies are sufficient for the mostly moderate demand. Processing schedules were less than normal. Finished product supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate. Retail feature activity is moderate to instances good with the majority of interest being in the Northeast region.

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound. 10.5-22.0 13.98

(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 for current needs. Processing schedules were reduced. 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 light to moderate with best interest being in the Southeast region.

(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 30-Nov-13

	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	32,160	48,044	21,272	21,519	122,995
Avg Live Wgt	3.77	5.40	6.80	8.68	5.79
% of total /1	26%	39%	17%	17%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/	36,291	52,608	36,649	27,848	153,396
Avg Live Wgt	3.82	5.42	6.86	8.50	5.94
% of total /1	24%	34%	24%	18%	100%
To date/2013*	1,985,048	2,611,124	1,441,873	1,346,041	7,384,086
To date/2012*	1,778,043	2,979,496	1,406,995	1,133,432	7,297,967
% Change YTD	12%	-12%	2%	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 30-Nov-13

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	Thousands				
Head	122,995	601	971	1,572	411
Avg Wt	5.79	2.99	7.58	5.82	6.48
Last week	153,024	1,081	1,303	2,384	511
Same wk yr ago	153,396	1,544	1,131	2,675	504
Avg Wt	5.94	3.44	8.16	5.44	6.79
To-date/2013*	7,384,087	69,254	70,740	139,994	20,900
To-date/2012*	7,297,968	70,208	75,928	146,136	19,871
% Change YTD	1%	-1%	-7%	-4%	5%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	541,227	970	5,042	6,012	1,904
Last week	665,226	1,880	7,203	9,083	2,379
Same wk yr ago	687,935	2,868	6,045	8,913	2,447
To-date/2013*	32,593,061	119,577	383,933	503,510	100,506
To-date/2012*	31,650,668	119,498	396,626	516,124	95,763
% Change YTD	3%	0%	-3%	-2%	5%

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 149.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 124.5 million head, or 25.1 million less 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
10/26	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
11/30	124.5	149.6	83%	5.79
Year to date	7472.4	7403.7	101%	
12/07		147.6		
12/14		151.7		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection (in thousands)

W/E	12/07/13	11/30/13	% chg	12/08/12	% chg
Broilers	155,603	122,995	+26.51	153,222	+1.55
Cattle	629	555	+13	641	-02
Hogs	2,325	2,062	+13	2,363	-02

¹ Actual data incorporated when available.

² Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.

EASTERN REGION MISC. POULTRY

For delivery the week of December 2, 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

This week, prices are steady. Demand is fairly good to good. Supplies are very light to moderate. Processing schedules are full-time to increased following the Thanksgiving holiday. Market activity is moderate to active. 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 December 2, 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: December 3, 2013 Prices Paid Per Lb., Except As Noted

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.70 - 2.00 lbs.
Cockatiels	- 16.00 ea.
Pekin Ducks	7.00 - 7.50 ea.
Red Fowl 5-6LBS	.40 - .45 lbs.
Red Fowl 4-5LBS	- .35 lbs.
Leghorn Roosters	- 2.00 ea.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11LBS	.95 - 1.05 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6LBS	1.10 - 1.30 lbs.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9LBS	.45 - .50 lbs.
Banty Roosters	2.75 - 4.00 ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 - 3.00 ea.
Guinea Pigs	7.00 - 10.50 ea.
Guinea Fowl	- 1.50 lbs.
Pigeons	3.00 - 3.10 ea.
White Pigeons	- 4.00 ea.
Rabbits 6-9LBS	1.70 - 1.90 lbs.
Rabbits 4-6LBS	1.85 - 2.15 lbs.
Leghorn Hens	1.00 - 1.25 ea.
Bunnies	1.00 - 3.00 ea.
Doves	- 3.50 ea.
Silkie	- 3.00 ea.
Goats	115.00 - 120.00 ea.
Guinea Keets	- .60 ea.
Quail	- 1.50 ea.
Love Birds	- 23.00 ea.
Broilers	1.35 - 1.40 lbs.
Finch	- 3.00 ea.
Goose Eggs	4.00 - 5.00 ea.
Laying Pullets	3.50 - 4.00 ea.
Fancy Bantams	- 5.00 ea.
Fancy Pigeons	4.00 - 5.00 ea.
Hamsters	- .50 ea.
Parrots	- 75.00 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.60 - 1.70 lbs.

Total Coops Sold 2336