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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Whole broiler/fryer prices are generally steady overall. Offerings of all sizes are light to moderate for trade needs. Retail demand is light to moderate following the weekend. Food service demand is light to good, mostly light to moderate. Floor stocks are adequate. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light and unaggressive. Prices are steady to higher for tenders; steady to weak for dark meat items, jumbo wings and bone-in breast. Prices are generally steady for the balance of items. Offerings of tenders are in good balance and well cleared; bone-in breast, jumbo wings and most dark meat cuts are moderate to heavy with the jumbo wings noted as readily available and discounted to help clear. Market activity for parts is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed but mostly desirable weights

The National Composite Weighted Average for 12/13/13 is 94.89 compared to 95.02 a week earlier, and 94.93 a year ago.

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.

NATIONAL WHOLE BROILER/FRYER - COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE				
	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	
This Week:	94.89	↓ 0.13	11,041	
Last Week:	95.02		11,470	
Last Year:	94.93	↓ 0.04	13,367	
Monthly Composite Weighted Average				
Nov	93.72		46,011	

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
999	91.65-110.30	103.73

Confirmed FINAL weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	187.50	1,727
BREASTS - B/S	185.50	7,647
BREASTS - WHOLE	107.50	1,707
THIGH MEAT - B/S	140.50	1,251
THIGHS	73.00	1,327
DRUMSTICKS	70.50	1,347
LEG QUARTERS	50.00	9,379
WINGS	122.00	3,483

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:	80.00 - 119.00	93.00 - 102.00	98.15	↓ 0.41	5,303	98.56	5,362
WOGS:	84.00 - 117.00	94.00 - 99.00	96.09	↓ 1.14	1,336	97.23	1,367
NEW YORK							
Whole Body:	86.00 - 101.00	95.00 - 99.00	96.55	↓ 0.20	1,438	96.75	1,365
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	83.00 - 93.00	90.12	↓ 0.33	3,672	90.45	3,632
WOGS:	81.00 - 105.00	85.00 - 92.00	88.56	↓ 0.06	2,837	88.62	2,717
CHICAGO							
Whole Body:	81.00 - 107.25	83.00 - 93.00	90.57	↓ 0.47	2,355	91.05	2,235
WESTERN REGION	THIS WEEK					LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	75.00 - 113.00	91.00 - 97.00	95.01	↑ 0.97	2,066	94.04	2,476
WOGS:	75.00 - 105.00	91.00 - 97.00	93.64	↑ 0.76	1,855	92.88	2,265
LOS ANGELES							
Whole Body:	75.00 - 111.00	91.00 - 96.00	93.47	↑ 0.82	1,711	92.65	1,841

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.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Prices are trending firm to higher for tenders; steady to weak for wings and dark meat items and steady for the balance of items. Trucklot buying activity was seasonally light and unaggressive as dealers were content to limit orders to normal commitments. Offerings of tenders are in close balance to tight and moving well; bone-in breast, wings and most dark meat cuts are moderate to heavy with the larger wings noted as available and competitively priced. Movement is slow to moderate.

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

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS.
BREAST - B/S	145-150	126.37	908,720
TENDERLOINS	145-150	144.53	144,680
BREAST - WITH RIBS	92-93	110.79	54,032
BREAST - LINE RUN	92	92.81	73,462
LEGS	64-65	61.87	163,800
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	40-41	41.90	319,560
DRUMSTICKS	45-46	49.69	102,180
THIGHS	64-65	67.38	64,160
B/S THIGHS	122-123	128.81	67,120
WINGS (WHOLE)	111-112	121.93	328,480
BACKS & NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	4,760
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	58.28	8,220
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	80.80	15,480

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (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

	Estimate (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wts	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wts
	12/16	12/12	12/12	12/09	12/05
Alabama	3,865	3,813	5.67	3,818	5.72
Arkansas	4,888	4,847	5.85	3,901	5.64
Delmarva	2,135	2,184	6.16	2,176	6.34
Ky-LA-TN	2,490	2,301	5.02	2,426	4.95
Mississippi	2,750	2,500	6.43	2,647	5.85
North Carolina	2,886	2,836	7.65	2,850	7.76
Texas	2,422	2,173	5.75	2,373	5.85
Total	21,436	20,654	6.06	20,191	5.99
Mon	21,436	(A)		20,191	(A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 16-Dec-13 is estimated to be 32,119,000 up 5.85 percent from a week ago and up 9.5 percent from a year ago. (last week 30,344,000 last year 29,341,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER 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)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	329	114.00-135.00	-	121.25
TENDERLOINS	123	136.00-176.00	-	151.12
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	190	35.00-41.00	-	37.02
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	189	39.00-44.00	-	41.30
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 DEC 16, 2013 -- F.O.B. DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
60.50 - 66.00	63.18	63.25

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.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER PARTS

ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, & WI WEEK OF 16-DEC-13 TO 20-DEC-13, CENTS PER POUND

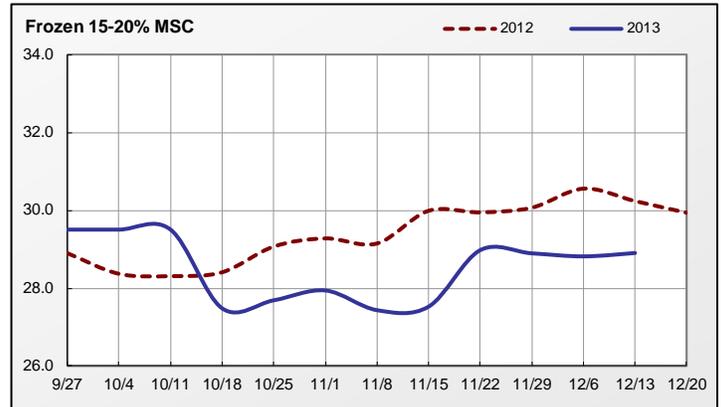
	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	115.00 - 150.00	118.00 - 123.00
TENDERLOINS	138.00 - 156.00	140.00 - 145.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	78.00 - 116.00	91.00 - 102.00
LEGS	52.00 - 66.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	38.00 - 57.00	40.00 - 44.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	42.00 - 51.00	43.00 - 46.00
DRUMSTICKS	41.00 - 50.00	-
THIGHS	62.00 - 73.00	-
B/S THIGHS	92.00 - 132.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	92.00 - 132.00	-
BACKS & NECKS (STRIPPED)	17.00 - 45.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 49.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 61.00	-

NATIONAL MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN (F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

MSC prices are trending mostly steady to weak on all fat contents. Domestic and export demand is light to moderate. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Schedules are normal with a few disruptions noted since last week due to winter storm activity. Finished product sales remain average and typical of the season. There has been a slight and relative increase in demand as some buyers try to build a little bit of inventory ahead of the holiday schedules. Contract negotiations for 2014 persist with varying degrees of completion. Flat pricing has been confirmed at levels below those in 2013 in addition to some formula pricing. Market activity is slow to moderate. Raw material supplies are moderate to heavy. Prices of frames are mostly steady with trading levels between 10-15 cents FOB, mostly 10-12 cents FOB.

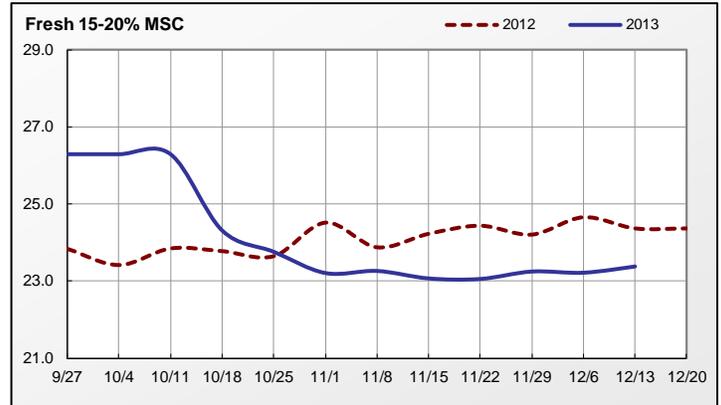
Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	13-Dec-13	Last Week	Last Year	13-Dec-13	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	32.00	-	30.00	27.00 - 28.00	27.00 - 28.00	24.00-26.00
Wtd Avg Price	32.00	-	30.00	27.75	27.67	25.00
Volume Traded	40	-	40	163	122	82
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	27.00 - 31.00	27.00 - 32.00	27.00-33.00	20.00 - 26.00	20.00 - 26.00	20.00-28.00
Wtd Avg Price	28.90	28.82	30.07	23.38	23.22	24.21
Volume Traded	1,622	1,782	2,565	2,509	3,070	4,120
Volume Exported	1,542	1,622	2,325	816	612	530
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	22.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	22.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	82	82
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



Monthly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Nov 2013	Oct 2013	Nov 2012	Nov 2013	Oct 2013	Nov 2012
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	32.50	33.00	30.00	27.53	28.17	25.04
Volume Traded	80	40	40	734	245	938
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	28.01	27.60	29.74	23.17	24.01	24.24
Volume Traded	10,769	5,090	8,995	14,982	6,294	20,460
Volume Exported	9,449	4,730	7,875	2,489	1,142	2,447
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	22.10
Volume Traded	-	-	-	286	82	408
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



Note: Volume exported refers to that portion of the total volume that is destined for export markets.

Source: USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry & Grain Market News (www.ams.usda.gov/lpsmarketnewspage)